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** ALBANIA. R. Tirana, 7425, March 30 at 0233, poor but audible with high local noise level, usual English opening with transmission schedule. Propagation from Europe above 6 MHz band was quite degraded. The 0330 broadcast was barely detectable. See also ISRAEL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.74, RAE, 0200, 03/28/08, English. IS/ID/time pips to lengthy multilingual opening theme, then a piano tune w/jazzy vocals. Also noted in passing in Spanish in the 0000-0200 time frame w/stronger signal. Fair in USB (to avoid strong het from 11710.0) but fading (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 12080, R Australia (via Brandon), 2147, 03/26/08, English. The Breakfast Club, with upbeat pop music, finance news. Abruptly switched to the BBC (as scheduled) at 2200 with news in English. Brandon's 10kW transmitter putting out a decent signal, uncertain if it would be short or long path. Deep fades, but fair overall (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA [non]. ÷1 relay via Sackville on new 13775 for A-08, 1500 in German, 1505 into English; ex-13675 at 1600. Very good (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. Radio Minsk A08 (valid from March 30) Daily Transmissions
1100 2300 UT 7360 kHz, 7390 kHz
1705 2300 UT 7105 kHz
1900 2300 UT 1170 kHz
English programs - Daily 2000 to 2200 UT (Via Larisa Suarez, Radio Minsk, Belarus, via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BELARUS [non]. Lithuania relay, Sigitas Zilionas broker:
6145 Sitkunai, R Racja Belarus. at 1530-1730 UT
(Wolfgang B. schel, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM. 1188 kHz, Kuurne still on and carrying VRT Radio Twee. VRT are at least saving a fortune in costs from closure of 540 and 1512. Possibly this 5 kW unit has been overlooked? 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, 1432 IUT March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or simply tomorrow somebody will go out to Kuurne and turn it off. Would be nothing new; the Hoyerswerda transmitter on 999 was supposed to go dark at yearend 1995 but did not leave the air until the late morning or early afternoon of Jan 2 1996.

When checking out 1512 at 1820 I had only two or more faint, heterodyning carriers. I expected to hear the Jeddah transmitter from Saudi-Arabia, but so far it is too weak, unlike Duba on 1521 which would be quite good without the usual interference from China (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** BELGIUM [non]. RADIO VLAANDEREN INTERNATIONAL A-08, with sites:
06-07 13685 Russia
07-08 9790 Skelton
17-18 13685 Russia

18-19 9590 Skelton

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. Op 6035 was Radio Bhutan vanaf 0015 UT weer sterk, met de nodige meditatie muziek (blaas instrumenten) (Maurits Van Driessche, België, March 29, BDX via DXLD)

Bhutan Broadcasting Service on 6035 was noted off air when checked at 0230 UT on 30th March 2008 (Sunday). They had some txer problem and the engineers are trying to get the same rectified.

[Later:] Just a minute ago at about 0653 UT it's back on the air.

[Later2:] 1015 UT - BBS noted on 6035 with faint signals buried under local noise. An engineer at the txer site informed that they are using only 50 kW power output. Regds (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11925, R Bandeirantes, 0018, 03/28/08, Portuguese. Two announcers in a jocular conversation, then a long string of presumed ads with a "Radio... Bandeirantes" ID amid sound effects in the middle, then back to the announcers. Fair in USB, to avoid HCJB on 11920, but fading rapidly (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5955, Brasil, R Gazeta, Sao Paulo SP; 29-Mar, Portuguese, 0859 ads "Ministério da Educação", 0900 male ID "Rádio Gazeta AM, a identificação de São Paulo", 0902-0912 Brazilian pop music selections like of Roberto Carlos, Wilson Simonal, Alceu Valença. Checked their other SW frequency 15325 was off, 33333.

Checked sometimes from 0914 to 1300 and at 1655 on 5940, could be heard good signal of R. Globo-Guarujá, ID at 0915 "agora a Globo é Guarujá, e a Guarujá é Globo". Checked their usual frequency 5045 was on. 73's (L'cio Otávio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil, Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. RCI A-08 Schedule, ENGLISH

0000-0057	seAS	11700ku			
0005-0105	NAM	6100sa	(tu-sa)		
0100-0159	India	9620emr			
1500-1557	India	11675ku	17720ur		
1505-1705	NAM	9515sa	9800sa/DRM		
1800-1859	AF	9530ka	11765sk	17735sa	17810sk
2000-2059	AF	11765hb	13650sk	15235sa	17735sa
2305-0005	NAM	6100sa			

emr = Emirler, TURKEY, q.v.

sa = Sackville

ka = Kashi

ku = Kunming
hb = Hoerby
sk = Skelton
ur = Urumqi

(RCI website via Wolfgang Bueschel via Alan Roe, worldDXclub via DXLD)

Re: RCI A08 <http://www.rciviva.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml>

Now let's analyze this:

RCI has almost abandoned shortwave to Europe. The only frequency that still aims primarily at Western/Central Europe is 15235, 1900-2200 from Sackville. The H^oerby airtime previously used for Europe on 5850 has been redirected to Russian, Ukrainian and transmissions for the Middle East.

Practice: On shortwave here in eastern Germany the only option for English from 2000 (was during winter 2100) is now this 15235 token for shortwave die-hards^o, not that strong and quite noisy under "ordinary" conditions (i.e. portable radio without outdoor antenna), nothing a casual listener would accept. H^oerby is now on 11765, entirely skipping over here, whatever the CIRA numbers may say. Skelton on 13650 is very faint and fluttery (perhaps mostly backscatter), 17735 from Sackville is apparently a too high frequency as well.

Note also the powers given for the Kunming transmissions: 500 kW for 1500-1557 on 11675 but odd 150 kW for 0000-0057 on 11700. These 150 kW indicate the same Chinese-made transmitter model than installed at C^orrik, Albania.

Another, much more important detail about RCI's extensive cooperation with China is how this cooperation affects the contents of RCI's Chinese service, beamed into China via Kimjae and Yamata. I suspect serious self-censorship on RCI's side, avoiding any topics about China itself. Btw, people outside the shortwave scene find it quite interesting to learn about China's massive jamming (audio samples of Firedrake are really impressive to them) as well as RFA being banned from using the IBB transmitters in the Philippines, Thailand and Sri Lanka. This is really more than just DX stuff (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CRI relay is back on summer frequency 15260, ex-15230, March 30 at 1328 in English, along with R. Sweden relay in Swedish still on 15240 but an hour earlier. These two very strong produced much weaker mixing products on 15220 and 15280, which went off at 1329 when 15240 did.

RCI has finally made the change from 7310 to 7325, which was originally expected two sesquiweeks of confusion earlier: March 30 at 1301, closing The Message Beaver in Spanish, with some QRM under, unlikely Wantok Radio Light or Mumbai tho I see nothing else listed. Anyway, RCI at 1105-1405 on 7325 now blocks any slight chance of PNG during those two sesquihours (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 29 March 2008, 2120-2225 UT, 4905 kHz, Radio Chad. French program. Native music. News from 22 to 2220. Sign-off at 2225 with national anthem. Excellent reception; almost local signal on my vintage SONY ICF-5900W with whip antenna. 73s (Giovanni Carboni, QTH Pisa, Italy, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. Scan for Firedrakes: 2341-0011 on March 29-30:

11640 against CBS TAIWAN *0000-0011
11710 against CBS TAIWAN 2341-0000*
11775 against ? 2341-0000 (after 0000, Marti totally dominated here)
11975 against R. FREE ASIA (?) 2341-0000*
13970 against SOH 2341-0000* (usual 5 minutes off) *0005-0011
15245 against CBS TAIWAN 2341-0011 (no 5 minutes off)
15265 against CBS TAIWAN or VOICE OF AMERICA (?) 2341-0000*
15430 against R.FREE ASIA 2341-0000*
15550 against ? 2341-0000* (after 0000 heard Chinese language station)
18180 against SOH 2341-0000* (usual 5 minutes off) *0005-0011
18320 against SOH (?) 2341-0000* (usual 5 minutes off) *0005-0011

March 30, on 7270, noted strong open carrier at 1423 (assume a weak Malaysia under them). Interested in hearing they had some brief CW at 1425, at 1430 started their Firedrake/music jamming against Taiwan, strong signal (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6160, Firedrake against ?, 1202, March 30, good signal (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake brigade still jammed former IBB channels this morning around 9-10 UT. This happened also at every season change, they need 3-4 days to be aware of the new IBB schedule. IBB vailed the RFA Chinese channels on the RFA website as TBA.

Firedrake on March 30: [time slots approx.]

7105 against BBC NAK Thailand 1300-1530
7130 against TWN
7185 against TWN? 1400-1500
7260 against IBB TIN 1700-1800
7280 against IBB TIN 1700-1900
7350 against IBB Taiwan 1800-2200
7365 against ???IBB Tinang Philippines?? 1600-1900

7505 against IBB TIN Tibetan 1630-1730

9355 against IBB Saipan 1700-2100

9455 against IBB Saipan 1700-2100

9850 against IBB TIN 1900-2200

9865 against IBB TIN 1800-2000

9905 against IBB Palau 1900-2200

11665 against ???TWN at 1100

11740 against IBB TIN 2000-2200

11785 against IBB TIN 1900-2300

11825 against IBB Tinang Philippines?? 0900-1300

11990 against IBB TIN 1100-1200

13610 against IBB TIN 0700-1100

13740 against IBB Udorn?? 0800-1000

13830 against IBB ??? 1100-1400

15250 against IBB Tinang Philippines 0800-1100

15255 against IBB Tinang Philippines 1100-1300

15375 against IBB ??? 1100-1400

15515 against ??? 0900-1000

17565 against ??? around 1300 UT

17705 against AIR Bangalore in Chinese, 1130-1315

(Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 3280, Voice of Pujiang, 1215, 03/24/08, Mandarin. Briefly faded up out of the noise for about 10 minutes with a female announcer speaking in Mandarin with short music bridges between segments. // 4950 just barely audible, 5075 not at all. Fair at peak (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. More on eQSLs from China Huayi Broadcasting Company

4830, CHINA. China Huayi BC, received same blue eQSL as Ron Howard in three days for an emailed reception report to QSL manager Qiao Xiaoli, [2883752 (at) 163 dot com]. Response email mentioned a different weblink -

<http://2883752.blog.163.com/blog/static/30157479200762051511619/> which contains images of the CHBC QSL card and QSL-folder, plus a list of DXers to whom QSLs have been issued in the last few years, and suggests that paper cards are still available for \$2 for the card and \$3 for the folder. It also notes that CHBC's "2008 Spring/Summer" schedule is 2230-1430 UTC on 107.1 FM / 873 / 4830 / 6185, but doesn't say whether all frequencies are in use all the time. Thanks to Ron for the tip! (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See SINGAPORE

** CHINA. Re previous unID: I cannot yet confirm on 6027 kHz in Vietnamese and Chinese it by interference of strong CNR1 on 6030 kHz.

Probably it is thought with QSYed of Yunnann PBS-6035 kHz, not heard Yunnan PBS on 6035 kHz.

Audio file by A. Kageyama in Osaka, Mar. 19 at 1158 UT
<http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20080326232809.mp3>

Mar. 21 at 1154 UT (28'36" - 2.22 MB)
http://www.ric.hi-ho.ne.jp/in_hiroshi/k/unid_china_080321_1154-1233_6027.wma

(S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ, March 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I received Yunnan PBS at former 6035 kHz at 1230 in Vietnamese.
QRMed Bhutan B.S. on 6035 kHz and CNR-1 on 6030 kHz is terrible and lost with Carrier of 6027 kHz (S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ, March 30, ibid.)

** CHINA. 9750, Nei Menggu PBS, 1235, 03/24/08, listed Mongolian. Male and female announcers speaking, occasionally over music, almost seemed like it could be a radio drama. Theme music and time pips to presumed ID at 1300. Now audible at this time thanks to the demise of the BBC's Caribbean service. Fluttery. Fair/poor (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 5954.11, unidentified ELCOR transmitter; I've not had the opportunity to log this since 16 March. But checking on 27 and 28 March, it does not appear to be active on my monitorings from 2215 to 2330. And spot checks on 29 March, 2225-2315, nothing. Ra'l Saavedra is also is reporting it as inactive (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No sign of ELCOR test, 5954.1, Sat March 29 around 2250 or 2320 chex; has anyone been hearing it lately? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good morning Glenn, and everyone, that 5954 transmitter didn't show up last weekend, I thought because it was Easter (Semana Santa) but was indeed absent this Sat 29 and I'm expecting the same for today Sunday. AFAIR, they were running weekend tests only between February and March.

BTW, caught my attention the unusual great signal I was getting yesterday afternoon, 2200, from DGS Cahuita on 11870, most of the time weaker 150 miles West and overpassed by distant //11775 Anguilla. Even

stronger signal than // 9725. 73 (Ra'íl Saavedra, Costa Rica, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. REE relay, still off-frequency on 9764.0, March 30 at 0218 in Spanish, much weaker than DGS CR on 9725, 15 vs 21 over S9; however, REE // 9675 was much stronger than 9764. BTW, 9675 is a smidgen on the hi side but nowhere near 1 kHz off.

REE relay, Cariari de Pococí, March 30 at 1310 back on correct frequency 9765 after several days on 9764, Spanish discussion about Brasil. However, at 1319 found the // 11815 is the one now off-frequency! 11814.0, hitting something on 11815, no doubt Japan; // 15170 remained on frequency.

At 1405 I noticed that 15170 modulation was cutting on and off, and so was the carrier cutting on and off separately, until stayed on with open carrier. Back to normal at 1446 recheck (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

COSTA RICA, 11813.95 odd, annoying buzz pip tone during live football coverage from Vitoria and Sevilla at 2020 UT (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. R. Rebelde, 5025 is an enjoyable station with lots of good music and not the constant harping on Commie talking points you get on RHC. But they need to pay more attention to Radio Reloj, since March 28 at 0601:30 they ran a 2+1 timesignal one sesquiminute late! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. RHC's new 11680 still in use tho not on schedules, March 30 at 0217 check in Spanish; fair but fading, with not much else audible on 25m.

6140, March 30 at 0248 with lo-fi narration, historical lecture; sounds like a TV soundtrack, // better 5965 but the two a reverb apart so different sites or feed routes.

Cartas a la Redacciôn, mailbag program on RHC, UT Sun March 30 at 0310 on 6060 saying the show is scheduled Sats at 10:10 am and 11:10 pm Habana time. This is an external service, so why do they expect those abroad to know or care what time it is in Habana, which doesn't even stay the same from one month to the next? That would be Sat 1410 and Sun 0310 UT.

RHC, March 30 at 1316 had quena and Andean vocal music on 11670; good signal but poor audio like lo-level Internet feed, // 11760 and 11805 which had slightly better audio and all were much better when the music stopped and studio talk started. At 1323, when I paused on //

12000, program was ``Amigos de Cuba``. The music may have been a crummy mp3 file someone sent in (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also VENEZUELA [non]

** CUBA [and non]. Dentro-Cuban Jamming Command notes: March 29 at 2310, R. Marti in the clear on 9565, no jamming audible, tho RHC signal was good on 9550.

As for the radio war with Radio Rep'blica: March 30 at 0225 the jamming was on 6185 against innocent bystander Radio Educaci'Un, with Mexican music, while RR was axually on 6100 at this hour, and totally free of jamming; 0227 ID and slogan ``ni el tirano ni su hermano`` which rhymes a lot better in Spanish than in English.

At 0258, 6100 irrelevantly announcing that they were closing on 9955, and giving RR schedule there as Sat-Sun 1-3 am, 12-5 pm, 10-12 midnight, zone not specified. Now some jamming was audible underneath 6100. 0259 another announcement claiming that RR was ceasing 6185 and moving to 6100 at ``9 pm`` --- but it's 11 pm in Miami and Habana and it's already on 6100!

Transmission break of a few seconds just before 0300 allowed jamming only to be heard briefly. This is suspicious, indicating a possible site and/or antenna change. 6100 is generally listed as Sackville without adequate proof, IMO. At 0313 jamming had overcome RR on 6100, and at 0317 XEPPM was in the clear on 6185, but squeezed by 6180 Cuba and 6190 --- see NETHERLANDS [and non].

DentroCuban Jamming Command hasn't caught up with A-08 yet as R. Marti was in clear on reactivated 11845, March 30 at 1321; jamming against nothing on 11930 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See USA: WRMI

** CUBA. Here at the request of several listeners let me repeat the information about the Radio Rebelde's short wave broadcasts. Radio Rebelde has stopped the use of the international short wave broadcast bands and is now only operating on the 60 meters Tropical Band, on 5025 kiloHertz with 50 kiloWatts, using a high take off angle main lobe antenna.

And another Cuban broadcast related news item, Radio Victoria , from the eastern Las Tunas province, is on the air 24 hours on 1050 kiloHertz, with an excellent antenna system. They are receiving nice reports from medium wave AM broadcast band DXers, something that is making their chief engineer very happy indeed. Las Tunas province is located to the west of Holguin province, and has several local stations now on the air both on the AM and FM broadcast bands (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 5009.8, tentative R. Cristal, 2348-2357*, Mar 28, Spanish. Announcer at tune-in; several mentions Argentina; presumed ad string with various announcers and musical bits; tentative ID at 2355 followed by several "Frecuencia al Día... onda corta..." announcements, which I assume is a program ID and immediately off at 2357; weak but clear signal (Scott R. Barbour, Jr.. Intervale, NH, R8, R75, NIR10, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60M dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's Dino Bloise's DX program also on WRMI, WWCR, and even before that was on R. Cristal, but rarely axually audible on their SW outlet (gh, DXLD)

For the fourth time this week, Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana, 5009.76 kHz, signal from 2310, audio beginning at 2330, with nice ballad songs and info in Spanish. Best audio just on the end of the program 2356, closing with ID. Gr (Maurits from Belgium Driessche, March 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Cristal, Santo Domingo, Was weer tamelijk goed tevolgen op 5009.76 kHz vanaf 2310 UT signaal en vanaf 2335 UT kwam er de audio toch iets door. Het best is (eigenaardig) juist 2 a 3min. voor S/off 2355 UT. Program met de mooie ballades en de nodige info in spaans. De 4de keer trouwens deze week dat ik dit station waarneem!! (Maurits Van Driessche, België, BDX via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 21455.07 USB, HCJB, 2325, 03/27/08, Spanish. Male and female announcers alternating, possibly in a news report, with mentions of various Latin American countries, leaders, etc. Long deep fades, but fair/good on the peaks (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 4909.18, R. Chaskis, 1013 29 March, end of announcement by M at tune-in, then into pleasant HC music. 1018 nice canned ID/promo by two men "R. Chaskis del norte, su nuevo radio. Las 4910 kHz. M'sica por ?? ecuatoriana", and back to music. Some nice flutes. Studio M host returned at 1023. A song at 1043 mentioned Otavalo. Still readable at 1100. Fair signal and clear except for local QRN. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** EGYPT. R. Cairo on new 9280, English to NAm at 2300-2430, already March 29 at 2305 check, usual very low modulation, despite S9+20 signal, YL talking; nothing on ex-9465 and not clear why they needed to move. 2315, 5+1 timesignal, 7 seconds later than WWV, standard remark; news theme and unintelligible news. This confirms 9280 which was not shown as English in the Cairo A-08 skeds circulating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Cairo in italiano sta trasmettendo a 11550, segnale pessimo qui al sud (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, 1851 UT March 30, shortwave yg via DXLD)

11550, new multilingual channel of Radio Cairo, like En, Fr, Ge, noted in Spanish at 2000 UT March 30 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11550 was on the new schedule along with 6250 including English to Europe at 2115-2245. Are both in use or really just 11550 now? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** ETHIOPIA. RADIO OROMIYA 6030 KHZ NOW OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ---
From the state-owned Ethiopian news agency ENA (in English) on 25 March:

"... The Oromiya Regional State government has spent 110 million birr [about 1m US dollars] on purchases of studio equipment procured for the television and radio station built at Adama city, capital of the state. The announcements came on Tuesday [25 March] at the inaugural [ceremony] of the Oromiya Radio station, which just went on air..."

DXers have been hearing this new station testing for the past few months on 6030 kHz. The WRTH Update page gives the schedule as 0400-0700 and 1555-2100 GMT (Chris Greenway, UK, March 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 9560.73v, Radio Ethiopia? 2007-2037, March 29, Tentative. Horn of Africa type music. No announcements heard. Fair to good signal. Technical problems with audio on & off several times leaving just an open carrier. Frequency moving around quite a bit between 9560.73-9560.42. Perhaps just on the air testing transmitter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. For Liz Cameron and others: Radio France Int'l had been listed in Aoki for B07 from South Africa on 15160 at 16-17 UT. Unfortunately this channel was not used, and thus RFI stopped using this relay for the English program at this time. So we were stuck with only one channel -- 11615, then 15605 -- in B07, yet the signal at my location was quite good. It's a shame that for an area of importance, only one SW channel was in use, compared to the 80's "Paris Calling Africa" era when even in ENAm one could tune to a choice of 8-10 frequencies from 13 to 25 meters (Joe Hanlon, NJ, March 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 13865, rock music in English, March 26 at 1433, then at 1436 announcement in Russian sounded like ``Radio Teper`` (radio

now?), maybe just a phrase or program name; 1440 ID sounded like BBC, but at 1445 mentioned Bozh, God, as it's really the stealth evangelistic station CVC as listed, via J,lich, 100 kW, 60 degrees at 1400-1600 in B-07. This transmission moves somewhere else for A-08 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. DW A-08 Schedule from 30 March, ENGLISH

0000-0100	e+seAS	9885tr*	15595vl*	17525ko	
0300-0400	sAS	13770no*	15595dh		
0400-0500	AF	7245ki*	7225ra*	12045dh*	15445tr
0500-0530	s+wAF	9700ki	9700ki	9825me	
0600-0630	wAF	7310si	15275ki		
0900-1000	eAS	15340kr*	17705tr		
1600-1658	s+eAS	6170tr*	9540tr*	9540tr	15640ra
1900-1930	AF	9565tr	11795ra	17860si	
2000-2057	AF	6150ki*	11795ra*	(15.09-)	11865ra* 15205ra*(-14.09) 11795tr(-14.09) 15205tr(15.09-)
2100-2200	wAF	15205ki*	9735ra	11865ki	

Sites:

dh = Dhabayya

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no = Novosibirsk

ra = Rampisham

si = Sines

tr = Trincomalee

vl = Vladivostok (DW website via Alan Roe, worldDXclub via DXLD)

** GREECE. Glenn: I just finished tuning in at 1305-1400 UT to see what sort of reception I can look forward to on the Voice of Greece next Saturday from 9420 or 15630, with the supposed return of "Hellenes Around The World" with Katerina. There was nothing on 9420, and 15630 started out with hash, but finally broke out in the clear with discussions on football in Greek. So, we will see what happens next Saturday. Bueschel in Germany just reported on VOG in English on 11645 at 0600-0700 UT and "Greek in Style" in English on 9420 and 15630 at 0905-1000 UT (John Babbis, Silver Spring MD, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11645. Yes, R Filia's ERA5 service noted again with German 0900 and Russian news at 0929 UT this morning. Daily except Tuesday morning maintenance break. I guess: English 0600, French 0700, but noted Spanish at 0800 UT today. "Greek in Style" in English! noted embedded in Greek service on 9420 and 15630 UT, this morning at 0912 UT

(Wolfgang B,schel, Sunday March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. Re 8-038, our query of the 3815 log provoked considerable interest:

This log seems consistent with what we have heard on DXTuner in past DX seasons. There was a foghorn-like ute interfering with KNR. The UK would seem to be a good location for hearing this station. Best of 73s to all, (Bob Wilkner, FL, March 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Joined Global Tuner and hope to get a chance for one more log of Greenland from Sweden or the UK. Best of 73s to all, (Bob Wilkner, FL, March 27, NASWA yg via DXLD)

3815-USB, Greenland, KNR Listened from 2030 to 2148. Global Tuners, Hano Bay, Sweden. From 2030 to 2100 listened to the ubiquitous foghorn ute, now with greater length to its interference. At 2050 UT, OM with "Hello, come in Northern xxxx...(Ship) " Repeated several times. At 2100 male with what seemed like news to 2104 when fog horn ute returned. Nothing after 2105. Based on previous experience with DXTuner, feel it was KNR. Foghorn ute was on 51 out of 60 seconds much of the time; for a period of time between three and seven minutes, foghorn ute would be silent.

Previous logs from 2007, had KNR on from 2130 to 2210. Continued listening till 2148 when another asked to tune. For several periods it was very quiet but not station was present. Arthur Miller has done us a service by indicating an earlier time.

*[Hano Bay, Sweden - Global Tuners] Han^bukten, the Bight of Han^ is a sandy bay in eastern Skane and western Blekinge, South Sweden. Radio PCR 1500, Antenna EWE (Robert Wilkner-FL / Global Tuner, 2224 UT March 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This one observes DST shifts, 2000-2115 in summer, 2100-2215 UT winter, approx. (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to a letter I received some time ago, KNR Greenland always broadcasts via the OZL Tasiilaq site from 1800 to 1915 West Greenland Time, which is normally UT -3. During summer time it is UT -2; therefore the U time would be 2000 to 2115 (Bruce Churchill, CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Thanks for this! At 2100 seems to barely make gray line (Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But what are the DST dates in Greenland? It's a confusing situation, per <http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst2008.html>

Denmark

Most locations Copenhagen Sunday, March 30 Sunday, October 26

Greenland Nuuk Saturday, March 29 Saturday, October 25

Greenland Qaanaaq Sunday, March 9 Sunday, November 2

So Qaanaaq is apparently US-influenced while Nuuk is not and it does not quite match European Denmark either! Quite possibly Saturday March 29 is the last date until October when 3815 is on as late as 2215 UT rather than 2115* and that extra hour can make all the difference in DX propagation, even to UK or Sweden (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY. 540, Kossuth Radio heard as it should be this morning. Solid signal at 33333 from 0700 up to a sudden reduction to nothing at 0830 - possibly this is when the power is cut in half. I will report back as dusk takes effect towards 1700.

[Later:] 540 Solt - Kossuth Radio now (at 1800 UT), 44444 but weaker than 693 Praha Liblice. Given its frequency, power and location possibly this might in mid winter provide the only continent-wide 24 hour coverage on Medium Wave. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm not aware of much daytime skywave on 540 here in eastern Germany, would think the frequency is just too low for that. However, at night Solt should now indeed cover most of northwestern and central Europe. Here in eastern Germany it was always the dominating station on 540, with co-channel Waver/Wavre being a faint whisper underneath at best, much unlike the situation on 621 where the very same site (even antenna, 540/621 were diplexed into one mast, cf. <http://www.waniewski.de/id243.htm>) dominates here.

And 1188 is occupied by a modest power transmitter like Kuurne here, Reichenbach near Grlitz with 3 kW, which at night gets clobbered by the co-channel Hungarian stations (it was a quite dire situation for MDR when IBB used the Marcali transmitter on 1188 with full 500 kW). So the only obvious change from the VRT close-downs here concerns 1512, but this one is really remarkable since a channel which so far always had a strong skywave signal at night now became an almost empty one (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** INDIA. AIR GOS, 9690, seldom listenable as conditions have to be just right for this SE Asian service to make it here to CNAm, a target area totally ignored by AIR --- March 27 at 1345 with program summary for the rest of the broadcast until 1500. She kept giving times both in IST and GMT, not always in the same order. Who outside of India, and this is an external service, cares what time it is inside India

with its weird and confusing half-hour offset? It's almost as bad as R. Japan 'NHK WORLD' giving times in JST. As usual there was considerable hum on the 9690 transmission, which is 500 kW, 108 degrees from Bangalore (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Itanagar 4990 has stabilised now. And I also hear return of AIR Shillong 4970 1330 good level (G. VICTOR A.GOONETILLEKE, 4S7VK, "Shangri-La," 298 Madapatha Road, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka, March 30, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3976, RRI Pontianak, 1159, 3/29/08. Semi classical instrumental music through TOH. Weak signal sometimes under HRO splatter and T-storm crashes. Poor to at times fair overall.

3987, RRI Manokwari, 1202, 3/29/08. Presumed news. Audio was a bit muddy. Seemed in parallel to 3995 Kendari, 4604 Serui, and 4790 Fak Fak which were all audible. Serui best of the lot (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Drake R8, 70' Inverted L, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

3987.06, RRI Manokwari 1302-1319 Mar 29. Jakarta news relay // 4604.95, 3995.03, and 4920; relay ended at 1315, followed by vocal music from local studios. Good signal but ARO QRM.

4750, RRI Makassar remains off the air in the 12-14 UT time frame.

4869.93, RRI Wamena, 1249-1306 Mar 30. Vocal music continuing past ToH. Generally poor (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** IRAN. IRIB A-08 --- Language names as given, as they don't know all the correct names in English, even when not abbr'd; with CIRAF target zones; see <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/images/broad-ciraf2.gif>

From a pdf with notations in Persian, some of which might concern day of week variations? Removed here and tidied up by Glenn Hauser for DX LISTENING DIGEST.

ALBANI	0630	0730	13810	28S
ALBANI	0630	0730	15235	28S
ALBANI	1830	1930	9545	28S
ALBANI	1830	1930	9570	28S
ALBANI	2030	2130	9535	28S
ALBANI	2030	2130	11830	28S

ARABIC	0230	0530	7375	39
ARABIC	0230	0530	11655	38,39
ARABIC	0530	1430	13790	38,39

ARABIC	0530	1430	13800	38,39	
ARABIC	0530	1630	15150	37,38,39	
ARABIC	0830	1030	9885	38,39	
ARMENIAN	0300	0330	7255	29SE,39NE,40NW	
ARMENIAN	0300	0330	12025	29SE,39NE,40NW	
ARMENIAN	0930	1000	9695	29SE,39NE,40NW	
ARMENIAN	0930	1000	15260	29SE,39NE,40NW	
ARMENIAN	1630	1730	7230	29SE,39NE,40NW	
ARMENIAN	1630	1730	9780	29SE,39NE,40NW	
BENGALI	0030	0130	6025	41NE	
BENGALI	0030	0130	7115	41NE	
BENGALI	0830	0930	11705	39	
BENGALI	1430	1530	6130	39S,40S	
BENGALI	1430	1530	9520	41NE	
BENGALI	1430	1530	12085	41NE	
BOSSNI	0530	0630	13750	28S	
BOSSNI	0530	0630	15235	28S	
BOSSNI	1730	1830	7295	28S	
BOSSNI	1730	1830	9860	28S	
BOSSNI	2130	2230	7305	28S	
BOSSNI	2130	2230	9810	28S	
CHINA	1200	1300	13735	42-44	
CHINA	1200	1300	15190	42-44	
CHINA	1200	1300	17635	42-44	
CHINA	1200	1300	17670	42-44	
CHINA	2330	0030	11820	42-44	
CHINA	2330	0030	11975	42-44	
CHINA	2330	0030	13715	42-44	
DARI	0300	0630	11910	30S,31S,40E	
DARI	0300	0630	13740	30S,31S,40E	
DARI	0830	1430	13720	30S,31S,40E	
DARI	0830	1500	9940	30S,31S,40E	
EBRI	0430	0500	9610	38E,39W	[Hebrew]
EBRI	0430	0500	11875	38E,39W	
EBRI	1200	1230	13685	38E,39W	
EBRI	1200	1230	15260	38E,39W	
ENGLISH	0130	0230	7235	7-10,27	[``Voice of Justice``]
ENGLISH	0130	0230	9495	7-10	[ditto]
ENGLISH	1030	1130	15600	41	
ENGLISH	1030	1130	17660	41	
ENGLISH	1530	1630	7370	41,49,50,54	

ENGLISH	1530	1630	9635	41,49,50,54	
ENGLISH	1930	2030	6205	27,28	
ENGLISH	1930	2030	7205	27,28	
ENGLISH	1930	2030	9800	52,53,57	
ENGLISH	1930	2030	9925	52,53,57	
FRENCH	0630	0730	13710	27,28,37,38	
FRENCH	0630	0730	15430	27,28,37,38	
FRENCH	1830	1930	9940	27,28	
FRENCH	1830	1930	13755	46,47	
FRENCH	1830	1930	15085	27,28	
GERMANY	0730	0830	15085	27,28	
GERMANY	0730	0830	15430	27,28	
GERMANY	1730	1830	9940	27,28	
GERMANY	1730	1830	15085	27,28	
HINDI	0230	0300	15165	41	
HINDI	0230	0300	17635	41	
HINDI	1430	1530	11955	41	
HINDI	1430	1530	13805	41NE	
HUSA	0600	0700	17810	46,47	[Hausa]
HUSA	1830	1930	7170	46,47	
HUSA	1830	1930	9925	46,47	
ITALY	0630	0730	13770	28S	
ITALY	0630	0730	15085	28S	
ITALY	1930	2000	5910	28S	
ITALY	1930	2000	7380	28S	
JAPANESE	1330	1430	13755	45	
JAPANESE	1330	1430	15555	45	
JAPANESE	2100	2200	9670	45	
JAPANESE	2100	2200	11990	45	
KAZAKI	0130	0230	7115	30,31	
KAZAKI	0130	0230	9795	30,31	
KAZAKI	1300	1400	11665	30,31	
KAZAKI	1300	1400	13765	30,31	
KURDI-SH	1330	1630	5990	39	
KURDI-SO	0330	0430	7255	39	
KURDI-SO	0330	0430	9905	39	
MELAU	1230	1330	15200	49,54	[Malay]
MELAU	1230	1330	17555	49,54	
MELAU	2230	2330	5945	49,50,54	

MELAU 2230 2330 7310 49,50,54

PUSHTU 0230 0330 7130 40E,41W

PUSHTU 0230 0330 9605 40E,41W

PUSHTU 0730 0830 11990 40E,41W

PUSHTU 0730 0830 15440 40E,41W

PUSHTU 1230 1330 9790 40E,41W

PUSHTU 1230 1330 11730 40E,41W

PUSHTU 1630 1730 6000 40E,41W

PUSHTU 1630 1730 7195 40E,41W

PUSHTU-m 1430 1530 5890 40E,41W [so what does -m signify?? Maybe Masshad transmitter site in the NE corner near Afghanistan, and/or separate studio, programming? NO, 5890 is Kamalabad site]

RUSSIAN 0300 0330 9650 29E,30,31

RUSSIAN 0300 0330 11925 30,31

RUSSIAN 0500 0530 9855 28E,29,30

RUSSIAN 0500 0530 13750 28E,29,30

RUSSIAN 0500 0530 17595 30-33

RUSSIAN 0500 0530 17655 30-33

RUSSIAN 1430 1530 7160 30,31

RUSSIAN 1430 1530 9580 29-30

RUSSIAN 1430 1530 9900 30,31

RUSSIAN 1700 1800 3985 30,31

RUSSIAN 1700 1800 7175 29,30,31

RUSSIAN 1800 1900 6205 29,30

RUSSIAN 1800 1900 7235 29,30

RUSSIAN 1930 2030 3985 28E,29,30

RUSSIAN 1930 2030 7370 28E,29

SAWAHILI 0400 0500 15265 39S,47,48,52,53

SAWAHILI 0400 0500 15340 39S,47,48,52,53

SAWAHILI 0830 0930 15240 47,48,52,53

SAWAHILI 0830 0930 17660 47,48,52,53

SAWAHILI 1730 1830 7130 47,48,52,53

SAWAHILI 1730 1830 9655 39S,47,48,52,53

S-F 0330 0430 9610 38E,39W [probably V. of Palestine, in Arabic,

S-F 0330 0430 11875 38E,39W per EiBi B-07 on different freqs.]

SPANISH 0030 0230 9655 11-15

SPANISH 0030 0330 9905 12-16

SPANISH 0530 0630 15530 27S,28S,37,38

SPANISH 0530 0630 17785 27S,28S,37,38

SPANISH 2030 2130 7300 27S,28S,37,38

SPANISH 2030 2130 9800 27S,28S,37,38

TADJIKI 0100 0230 6175 30SE,31SW,40E,41NW,42W
 TADJIKI 0100 0230 7285 30SE,31SW,40E,41NW,42W
 TADJIKI 1600 1730 5945 30SE,31SW,40E,41NW,42W
 TADJIKI 1600 1730 5955 30SE,31SW,40E,41NW,42W

TURKI-AZ 0330 0530 13710 29S,40NW [Azeri]
 TURKI-AZ 1430 1700 6200 29S,40NW

TURKI-ES 0430 0600 11685 29S,39N [meaning regular Turkish?]
 TURKI-ES 0430 0600 13640 29S,39N
 TURKI-ES 1600 1730 7165 29S,39N
 TURKI-ES 1600 1730 9870 29S,39N

URDU 0130 0230 7105 40E,41N
 URDU 0130 0230 9480 40E,41N
 URDU 0130 0230 9845 40E,41N
 URDU 1330 1430 6000 40E,41N
 URDU 1330 1430 9665 39
 URDU 1330 1430 11695 40E,41
 URDU 1730 1800 6175 41
 URDU 1730 1800 7220 41

URDU-m 1530 1730 5890 40E,41N [see PUSHTU-m]

UZBAKI 0230 0300 9740 30S,31S,40NE
 UZBAKI 0230 0300 11945 30S,31S,40NE
 UZBAKI 1500 1600 5945 30S,31S,40NE
 UZBAKI 1500 1600 9680 30S,31S,40NE

(via Swopan Chakroborty, India, March 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos Glenn, a0adir al servicio en espa0ol de 2030 a 2130 los 6055 kHz. LITUANIA?? 6055 Voz de la Rep Isl·mica de Ir·n, 2040-2048, escuchada el 30 de marzo en espa0ol a locutora con bolet·n de noticias y locutor con el comentario pol·tico, emisi·n en paralelo por 7300 y 9300, SINPO 55444. 73 JM (Jos· Miguel Romero2, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So the above schedule apparently does not include any of the Lithuanian relays? What kind of delay is there between Iran and Lith sites? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Discussed some seasons ago:

M = meaning Mashad (regional) broadcasting house programmes.
 [in north-eastern corner of the country.]

Voice of Palestine, Voice of the Palestinian Islamic Revolution via IRIB, Iran, ID "Sawt al-filistin, Sawt al-thawrah al-islamiyah al-

filistiniyah" S-F Sawt - Filistin

Checked all today and are all okay:

Tentative IRIB Tehran programs via Sitkunai, Lithuania

		B-07	A-08
ENGLISH	1930-2027	x6255	7260
GERMAN	1730-1827	x6255	6180
FRENCH	1830-1927	x6255	7260 (reserve 6015, ?Sept/Oct?)
ITALIAN	0630-0727	x7545x11515	11670
SPANISH	2030-2127	x6255	6055
RUSSIAN	1430-1527	x6225	6145

(Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
IRAN [non]. See MOROCCO; Farda: see U S A [non]

** IRAN. 6201.28, IRIB Sirjan in Azeri 1430-1700 still oscillating.
(Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. 9390, March 29 at 2308 in presumed Hebrew, M&M dialog, flutter; Albania is scheduled here in A-08 at 2300-2430 in Albanian to NAM, but this was not // 7425, so March 30 and 31 there may be a conflict on 9390 before Kol Israel self-destructs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Re your item about Israel and Albania - I'm still confused about the intentions of Israeli Radio by what I've been reading lately. All foreign language transmissions are said to be discontinued - then we read that there may be a reprieve for Persian. But there has been no mention of domestic Hebrew transmissions. It seems inconceivable that the SW plant at Yavne would be kept in working order just to broadcast one hour or so of Persian. I'm listening to them currently on 15760 // 13855, but don't know what the language is - 15760 has been broadcasting Hebrew earlier. If the station remains on 9390 after the 31st we'll need to look for another frequency for Albania I guess. One will keep one's ears on the situation! Best 73 from (Noel Green, England, 0953 UT March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15759.95, Kol Israel still with news and commentary in English at 0930-0945 UT, embedded in Hebrew program at 0500-1700 UT? S=9+20dB powerhouse as usual. Seemingly still on air on March 30th and 31st according old season budget? New internet Online service will start from April 1st? Galei Zahal in Hebrew phone-in program, S=5 around 0935 UT on even 15785.00 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Wolfy, KI heard in French at 0345-0400 on 6280 and 9390 this morning, then at 1000 on 13855 15760, announcing they will be on Internet "from tomorrow March 31st" Regards, JM (Jean-Michel Aubier,

France, March 30, ibid.)

9985 was the only channel jammed by Iranians today; seems 1500-1630 UT Kol Israel in Persian. Nothing noted on 9345, 11605, 13850, 15640, and neither 17535 today Mar 30th (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9985 seems the only channel today around 1500-1630 with Iranian jamming against Kol Israel in Persian. Noted English/French twice today, English 1730 and also Spanish 1715 and Yiddish 1745 today, on 15760 and 7545 kHz, but Hebrew slots missing totally; transmitter was OFF at 1300 UT (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. As it was announced on the Voice of Israel, all Israel Radio shortwave broadcasts must be ceased as of March 31, 2008. If it is true, from the 1-st of April one can continue listening to Israeli Radio live and on-demand at the website <http://www.int.kolisrael.com> and via satellites iEutelsat Hotbird 7i and iAmos 2i. So, the almost 60-yearlong history of the Israeli shortwave broadcasting is coming to an end. As to me, I'll become very sad, if the retro musical programs of Kol Israel Reshet Bet channel disappear from the short waves, where they were heard well last time on the 15760 kHz. (Reshet Bet) (Olex Yegorov, RUI Whole World on the Radio Dial March 21 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. RRsat to buy Bezeq's satellite business

I'm not sure how apropos this is to this list: As Bezeq will seemingly be down to dealing with a couple of shortwave transmitters as of a few days from now if the cutbacks happen, this article stuck out at me, when I saw it a few days ago.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/mergersNews/idUKL2725708620080327?rpc=77>

"RRsat has agreed to acquire the property and assets of Bezeq's Emek Ha'ela Teleport in Israel, which includes approximately 26.5 acres, as well as Bezeq's BezeqSat and '711' business units."

"The BezeqSat unit is Bezeq's distribution center and provides services to TV and radio channels such as BBC, CNN and many others. The '711' unit provides global satellite communication services, and serves as a primary distribution center for Inmarsat, a global provider of satellite services."

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I emailed Moshe Oren for the A08 schedule (presumably just Persian) on Thursday. He said that he'd get back to me. I would guess he may be waiting until everything is final. HFCC listings usually include alternate frequencies, as well as the actual broadcast frequencies

(Doni Rosenzweig, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. NHK Warido, R. Japan, 11705 via Sackville, Saturday March 29 at 1410-1429* with World Interactive, the last show presented by Kei Fujimoto, whose two-year contract is up. She called out to a couple near Mammoth Cave who used to live in Japan; mentioned that haiku segment would appear next week, not sure if by same person as before since he seemingly was saying sayonara the first Saturday in March.

New show host will be Sumiko-somebody, who speaks English with a perfect British accent. Kay (as spelled on her blog URL) never said what she would do next after leaving NHK, but she has started a blog in English, linked from the program website, which so far is no more informative. Played fragments of two different ``Sakura`` songs, and she broke up at the very end. Show page including her photo along with producer (? ``program member``) Junko Kato who is also leaving, downloadable audio, link to blog, home page of Junko, a photographer: <http://www.nhk.or.jp/rjweekly/english/wi/index.html>

March 30 at 1313 heard NHK IS, fair signal on 11705, so I wondered if there was a mixup at Sackville, but 1315 opened in Indonesian. This is Yamata, 300 kW at 235 degrees. I hope this transmission ends at 1400 rather than 1430 as in one schedule version, since otherwise it would collide with R. Japan English to NAM via Sackville, which remains at 1400-1429 on 11705 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JOHNSTON ISLAND [and non]. KH3, JOHNSTON ISLAND. OPDX readers have been asking about Susan, W7KFI, and her trip to KH3. Well, Susan in Kee'hi Lagoon, Honolulu, and told your editor the trip is still on, but she is currently saving money to replace an engine (as she put it: it has died a horrible death) for her boat. She states, "Just as soon as I get it replaced I am off to KH3 -- should be in about two months, I hope. I will make the trip; it has been in the planning for over 25 years." If you would like to help out Susan (please note she is a self-funded operator living on social security and army retirement), her address while in Hawaii (until she has a running engine) is: Attn: USSV Dharma - Susan Meckley, Kee'Hi Lagoon Harbor Master, 4 Sand Island Access Road, Honolulu, HI 96819. Her permanent address (after leaving Hawaii): Susan Meckley, P. O. Box 1210, Pahrump, NV 89041. PLEASE NOTE: The Nevada address is a remailing service that sends her mail when she arrives at a port and requests it.

ADDED NOTES: QSLs can be sent via the Bureau, K6FAF or the Nevada Address. QRZ.com has a photo of the boat and her. Susan says, "Proves a photographer can make even a 73 year old gal look good." Track her ship, the USSV Dharma, by putting in her callsign W7KFI at the following Web page: <http://www.shiptrak.org>

Susan told your editor that she has ordered a PSK31 unit to use as she visits various atolls in the South Pacific. This will allow her to operate most modes. She can do Pactor upon request. Susan states that she listens to 6 meters, but has never heard anything except local Honolulu beacon. Also, she will be giving out as many grid squares as possible during her passages (The Ohio/Penn DX PacketCluster, DX Bulletin No. 852, March 31, 2008. Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, March 30, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6020 (new frequency ñ ex: 5985), Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, *1400, March 30, sounded like Japanese, light QRM under them, fair reception. They start just after R. Australia signs off. Noted the change per <http://senryaku-jouhou.jp/tayori.html> and also thanks to S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE (No. Korea) 5985/9485 Shiokaze. No sign of them today (3/30) on either freq. They must have a new freq for A'08. Good news for Myanmar-5985v listeners (John Wilkins, CO, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. The Mighty KBC --- I just checked 0250 on 6110 and there was the Wolfman presenting You're No Good by Betty Everett. Fair signal, slight splatter from I suppose Radio Farda on 6115. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, UT Sunday March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Now at 0200-0259

** MADAGASCAR. 5010.0, RTV Malagasy, 2225-2230+, March 29, Reduced Carrier USB. On late again with local music. Gone at 2255 check. No sign of Dominican Republic tonight. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. This could become my last observation of a transmission via Briech, since I will be away later: SNRT ChaÓne nationale on 15335, with strong signal because beaming at Central Europe, something that is no longer done for own IBB programming for years now, noted at 1135 with endless monologue by one announcer in an audiobook style. Lots of dynamics compression with obvious gating.

Wonder what will become Briech's last gap? IBB has an behaviour to change over to the new schedule not before hours into the new UT day, until 0800 or so, but here other partners are involved who are not likely to care for such special practices. I guess SNRT could become the last thing, either 2200-2400 on 7135 or, if they will do it one more time, 0000-0500 on 5980. Last IBB programming: For VOA either Serbian 2030-2100 on 6040 or 0100-0200 Urdu on 7145 and English to

Asia on 7200 (the next ones from 0430 appear to be really unlikely to go out one more time). For RFE/RL Belorussian until 2200 on 7165 (*2000) and 9725 (*1800), next transmission would be Turkmen from 0200, but already scheduled otherwise. For Radio Farda probably 1230-1600 on 13680, if there will not be another 0030-0300 on 6115 or even 7105/9585 until 0400. For Radio Deewa 1700-1900 on 5835. All this without looking up possible schedule changes (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. Presumably some of the last broadcasts of R. Farda via Briech site, March 30 at 0228 on 6115 with rock, VG signal at first, 0230 ID, and most of next semihour was talk, still so at 0250; I guess that's the 7 am news magazine. Also // Morocco 7105 found at 0234, not so strong. For A-08 in the 0200-0330 time period, the Farda SW frequencies are 5860 7280 9510 --- Sri Lanka, Wertachtal and Wertachtal respectively, no match for Morocco reception back here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. RTM, 5980, March 30 at 0232 with rustic band music, Arab singer, then ID by YL mentioning Tanger. Initially good signal gradually faded down. The question is whether the Moroccans will keep these secret (from HFCC, Aoki but not EiBi) transmissions going after the Americans pull out of Briech (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Stop the presses: Briech still on air --- The answer is: YES! At least for now. Right now SNRT is again on 15335, with the same audio processing and strong signal than yesterday around this time. Just barely detectable in the slope of it is another signal on 15340, carrying the same programming with less punchy modulation. 15340 would be the second Nador transmitter (besides the one carrying Medi 1 on 9575), so obviously it has not been moved to 15335 but indeed Briech is still on air, with a single one out of ten transmitters there and for 11 hours a day only if they keep the established schedule. What's the deal? Has it still something to do with IBB or take these continuing transmissions place in the responsibility of a Moroccan body now? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, 1234 ut March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15335 still via Briech-MRC, 1300-1400 UT and later live football transmission, superpower S=9+30 dB, and fair on adjacent 15340 via Nador towards ME. "Huna Rabat" ID. It's unbelievable to cease such a 200 mill \$ object of IBB Briech! (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hearing RTM presumed via Morocco on 7135 at 2320 (Dan Ferguson, SC, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cut off at 2359 or already 0000. I then immediately retuned to 5980, even counting seconds, suspecting that it's the very same transmitter although nine others should be at their disposal, but nothing reappeared on this frequency so far. 7135 was already running at 2159, but I think I tuned in a bit too late to find whether it was early on for a nominal 2200 sign on (because maybe the previous schedule is no longer of much meaning now). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Big collision on 6190, March 30 at 0302 between RN in Dutch and CRI in Spanish, a slow SAH between them. This is nothing new as for B-07 both were scheduled to CIRAF zones 7 and 8 in NAM! Bonaire at 320 degrees and Sackville at 277 degrees, colliding in NAM. Fortunately, in A-08, CRI is gone, or rather not on 6190 until 0500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RNW relays via IBB facilities, A08:

Start	End	Site	kHz	Az	From	To	kW	Org	Lan	Days	Target
08 00	09 57	SAI	9700	195	05-03-08	10-26-08	100	RNW	Dut	1234567	NZ/AU
09 59	10 57	PHT	15110	315	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	AS
09 59	10 57	TIN	11895	267	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	AS
12 59	13 57	PHT	9655	200	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	INDON
12 59	13 57	PHT	12085	283	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seAS
21 59	22 59	PHT	7395	200	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDON
21 59	23 57	PHT	9475	200	03-30-08	10-26-08	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDON

SAI= Saipan, NMI; PHT=Tinang, Philippines; TIN=Tinian, NMI. From:
<http://www.radionetherlands.nl/features/media/080330-rnw-summer-schedule>
 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. RNZI DRM at 1600-1900 in A-08: 6165-6170-6175, 70 kW, 35 degrees daily to C & S Pacific. This is in addition to 6090-6095-6100, so presumably these are really alternates (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION HF BROADCAST SCHEDULE
 A08 Effective From 30th March to 25th October, 2008

Language Freq Band Time(UTC)Target Area

Far East

Chinese	9385	31	1200	1300	41,42,43,44,45
Chinese	11570	25	1200	1300	41,42,43,44,45

South East Asia

Urdu	11580	25	0045	0215	41,44,45,49,50,51,54,55,59
Urdu	15490	19	0045	0215	41,44,45,49,50,51,54,55,59

South Asia

Bangla-1 9380 31 0115 0200 41
Bangla-2 9340 31 1200 1245 41
Hindi-1 9380 31 0215 0300 41
Hindi-2 9340 31 1030 1130 41
Gujrati 9380 31 0400 0430 41

Iran, Gulf & Middle East

Irani 7500 40 1700 1800 40
Urdu 15100 19 0500 0700 40
Urdu 17835 17 0500 0700 38,39,46,47
Urdu 9385 31 1330 1530 37 - 39
Urdu 11570 25 1330 1530 38,39,46,47
English 9380 31 1600 1615 37 - 39
English 11570 25 1600 1615 38,39,46,47
Urdu 6065 49 1915 0045 40

East/South East Africa

English 15625 19 1600 1615 48s,52,53,57

West Europe

Urdu 15100 19 0830 1104 17,18SE,27-29
Urdu 17835 17 0830 1104 17,18SE,27-29
Urdu 7530 40 1700 1900 17,18SE,27-29
Urdu 9390 31 1700 1900 17,18SE,27-29

Afghanistan

Dari 6060 49 1430 1530 39NE,40
Pushto 6065 49 1300 1400 39E,40

Frequency Management

303 Peshawar Road,
Rawalpindi,
Pakistan (Via Iftikhar Hussain Malik via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi,
dxldyg via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, R East New Britain, 1210, 03/28/08. The usual PNG format of pop/island/reggae tunes with announcer commentary between and a break for an apparent ad at one point. This segment of 90 meters is usually covered by some sort of persistent local QRN which was finally gone for once. Fair/poor (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325, Wantok R Light (presumed), 1235, 03/25/08. Gospel music and audio of brief spoken announcements (too weak to decipher) rising above the noise. Actually better than the 90m PNGs were on this day, but still not heard at all on most days. Poor (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CANADA

** PORTUGAL. RDPi - Radiodifusão Portuguesa, "Rádio Portugal", A08

*) extra broadcasts

[ALL in Portuguese, plus occasional semi-Spanish interviews --- gh]

UTC	days	target	kHz	kW	f
0500-0800	mtwtf..	Eu	7240	300	45
0645-0800	mtwtf..	Eu	11850	250	55
0800-1200	mtwtf..	Eu	12020	300	45
0830-1000	.....ss	Eu	11995	250	55
1000-1200	mtwtf..	Afr	15180	300	144
1000-1200	mtwtf..	WAfr+B	15375	300	226
1000-1400	.....ss	Afr	15180	300	144
1000-2000	.....ss	WAfr+B	21655	300	226
1200-2000*	mtwtfss	NAm	15560	300	300
1200-2000	.....ss	NAm	15560	300	300
1300-1500	mtwtf..	IND+ME	15770	100	81.5
1400-1600	.....ss	Afr	15680	300	144
1400-2000	.....ss	Eu	11905	300	45
1600-1900	mtwtf..	Eu	11905	300	45
1600-1900	mtwtf..	Afr	15195	300	144
1600-1900	mtwtf..	WAfr+B	21655	300	226
1600-2000	.....ss	Afr	15195	300	144
1900-2300*	mtwtfss	Eu	9820	300	45
1900-2300*	mtwtfss	Afr	11945	300	144
1900-2000*	mtwtfss	WAfr+B	21655	300	45
2000-2300*	mtwtf..	NAm	13755	300	300
2000-2300*	mtwtfss	WAfr+B	15295	300	226
2300-0200	mtwtf..	NAm	9715	300	300
2300-0200	mtwtf..	VEN	11630	100	261.5
2300-0200	mtwtf..	B	15295	300	226

4 x 300 kW (+ 4 x 100 kW reserve) CEOC, S. Gabriel

3 x 250 kW Pro-Funk GmbH, Sines

(Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, March 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PORTUGAL itself interferes each other. Sat/Sun relay of RDP via Sines 11995 and Lisbon 12000 are only 5 kHz apart. But Sines feeder is 2.5 seconds BEHIND Lisbon program. Very bad selection of lots free channels in 25 mb. SIN 0830-1000, LIS 0700-1000 UT (Wolfgang B. Schel, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? No 12000 in the above sked (gh, DXLD)

15425 noted at 1200-1230 UT carrying BBC French program with Bourkina Faso item. For the first? time via DWL Sines relay Portugal? \\ 17780 and 21630 both via ASC, time satellite feed in sync! 73 (Wolfgang B. Schel, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. Hi Glenn, I noted this evening, while checking out some of the new frequencies, Radio PMR from Tiraspol. Transmitter came online at 2210 UT on 6040 kHz. I assume English was at 2215, I didn't check. I heard French at 2230 and then German at 2245, good frequency and in the Clear. Transmissions are maybe 7/week? Best Wishes (Chris Lewis, England, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chris, Tnx, good tip. Nothing audible here after 2300 on 6040, but conditions are poor. 6040 not listed for PMR, but is for WYFR relay 2000-2200, just like in B-07 on 6240. Please check further tomorrow, and if you can for the earlier PMR broadcasts which were on 7370 (Glenn to Chris, via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 7300, the defective Russian transmitter with motorboating noise, no other audio detectable, at 2316 March 29 and still at 0009 recheck March 30. Believe this one is on 5900 in B-seasons; not sure of real site, but Olle Alm can remind us. Listed as Serpukhov in A-season.

Looked for V. of Russia, UT March 30 in the 0200 and 0300 hours, but nothing on 6240, 6155 or 7350, the frequencies still showing on their undated schedule at <http://www.ruvr.ru/main.php?lng=eng&w=129&p=> Suspect they have made A-08 changes without telling us, as all those are deleted, and/or propagation so poor that even German relay on 6155 was not making it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. R. Rossii changes in frequencies: 5920 via Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka (ex: 6075), not as good here, on top of QRM; parallel with: 5940 via Magadan (ex: 5935), fair, better here, but some QRM from 5935; 7200 via Yakutsk (fair) and 7320 via Magadan (fair); 0928-0941, March 30, Russian programming (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Wonder if 8GAL will follow from 6074 to 5919 (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. RUSIA: La Voz de Rusia posee el siguiente esquema de emisiones en español: [A08]

Para España y Europa:

HORA UTC	KHZ
2000-2100a	7310, 12040
2000-2100b	7310, 9480
0000-0100a	603
0000-0100b	603

Para América del Sur:

HORA UTC	KHZ
0000-0100a	7200, 7300, 9830, 11510, 12010
0000-0100b	5975, 7155, 7200, 7300, 11510
0100-0200a	7200, 7300, 9830, 9945, 11510, 12010

0200-0300b 5975, 7155, 7200, 7300, 9945, 11510

Nota:

(a) Esquema vigente del 30/03/08 al 06/09/08.

(b) Esquema vigente del 07/09/08 al 25/10/08.

QTH: La Voz de Rusia, Pyatnitskaya 25, 113326 Mosc', Rusia.

E-mail: letters @ vor.ru Web: http://www.vor.ru

(Francisco Rodríguez, VOR, Rusia via Marcelo Cornachioni, Conexiûn Digital March 30 via DXLD) vor.ru has been stolen by ruvr.ru to which it forwards (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** RWANDA. DW Hausa, 17800 via Kigali, 310 degrees, now one of the few decent signals on 16m, until 1357* March 30 in Hausa; another being Gabon 17630 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 11820, BSKSA, 2210, 03/26/08, Arabic. Song-like recitations of the Koran. // 11715 also audible but weaker. Strong signal. Good (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15250, BSKSA English noted today 1000-1230 UT slot with an easy side lobe signal here in Germany, used SYNC detection option on my Eton E1 around 15249.3 kHz lower side band, to avoid IBB Tinang PHL 5 kHz up. BSKSA service is meant towards West Africa. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [and non]. 7199.94v, International Radio Serbia today oscillating around, replaced v7240 by v7200 kHz, scheduled 1300-2100 UT, see WRTH and subtract one hour. Maybe noon service at 1000-1100 too. Noted Arabic 1430-1500. Old 10 kW reserve unit in Stubline Serbia still in use.

Stronger 250 kW unit in Bijeljina-Bosnia is scheduled at 1800-2100 UT in parallel, most likely on 6100 kHz again. But 7200 hit also R Bulgaria in Russian co-channel at same slot. Latter 1400-1800 UT via Sofia. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. 6100, Radio Serbia, 1921-1930, escuchada el 30 de marzo en espa0ol a locutora presentando temas musicales, ID iRadio Serbia Internacionalí; se aprecia un nivel de audio un poco bajo para la gran se0al que llega. Anuncian emitir de 1400 a 1430 y de 1900 a 1930 por 6100 y 7200, tambiÈn por Internet, sin se0al en 7200, SINPO 45444 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espa0a, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. 6080, R. Singapore Int'l, 1351-1400* Mar 29. In English with a feature on mushrooms, followed by a three-minute news bulletin

at 1355; close-down at 1359 said // 6150 would continue with Mediacorp Radio, which it did. Both frequencies very good here. R. Australia in English took over 6080 at 1400 after RSI shut down.

6185, R. Singapore Int'l 1320-1400* Mar 30. Chinese programming // 6000 (Cuba QRM) with pop music to 1340, then a couple of talk segments; ID at 1356 exactly per WRTH ("Xingapo guoji guangbo diantai..."); closedown announcement and another ID at 1359; off at 1400 leaving the frequency to Pyongyang with IS and Korean // 9850. No sign of Huayi on 6185 (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. ESLOVAQUIA, 9510, IRRS Nexus, 1130-1145, escuchada el 30 de marzo en inglés a locutor con comentarios, anuncia web, <http://www.nexus.org> con emisión de música de Jazz, emisión en paralelo por Internet, <http://mp3.nexus.org/> SINPO 45444 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), España, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9510, IRRS, SLOVAKIA, 9510. At present 1030 UT noted here in southwestern Germany the strongest station in 31 mb, IRRS broker: carrying English speaking religious program <http://www.intouch.org/site/c.dhKHIXPKIuE/b.2264355/k.BE55/Home.htm> via Rimavska Sobota tx site, usual 150 kW. S=9+20 dB Signal. ?0930-1200 UT? wb (Wolfgang B.schel, March 30, ibid.)

** SLOVAKIA. The Slovak Radio has cancelled transmitting of iRadio Reginal on about 15 mediumwave frequencies, and transferred it completely to FM band, like other main Slovak Radio channels. From the 14-th of January the mediumwave frequencies of 702 kHz Preshov, 1017 kHz Rimavska Sobota, and 1098 kHz Nitra have been given to the minority services such as Hungarian, Ukrainian, Ruthenian, Romanes. On Wednesday mornings one there can be heard Czech, German or Polish radio magazine (Olex Yegorov, RUI Whole World on the Radio Dial March 21 via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. RNZI has registered this in A-08 on behalf of SIBC Honiara: 5020 at 0700-2000, 10 kW analog, non-direxional (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. REE, Amigos de la Onda Corta, DX program in Spanish already shifted one UT hour earlier, Sunday March 30 at 0305-0330 on 6055 // 6125, giving its own frequencies; report on sale of 700 MHz spectrum in USA; propagation predixions for various SW bands.

Also confirmed on webcast repeat at 0231 UT Monday, when I listened closely for the schedule announced at the outset for this very program, claimed to be at new time Fri 0830, Sat 1205, Sun 0505 and

Mon 0430 ``UTC``, so I know at least the last two are wrong, given in MESZ instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also COSTA RICA

** SPAIN [and non]. Co-channel 17595: NHK Bengali, new Wertachtal relay 1345-1415 to Indian subcontinent. REE Noblejas in Spanish to S America (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Hope this will not bother REE signal in NAm either (gh, DXLD)

** SWAZILAND. Listening to VATICAN [q.v.] to NAm on 6040 via Sackville, March 30 at 0255, in addition to the other QRM, TWR music box IS could be heard. This is Manzini warming up for the Kikuyu broadcast at 0300, the same collision in A-08 as in B-07 --- Christians vs Christians! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN [non]. R. Sweden insists on staying on 6010 via Canada, despite Mexico and Colombia, both of which interfere with Sweden and vice versa; March 30 at 0230 opening in English, and after 0300 in Swedish, so this was still B-07 rather than A-08 scheduling (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CANADA

** TANZANIA. NEW NAME, TO REVIVE EXTERNAL SERVICE?

The state broadcasting organization has been reorganized and rebranded as the Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC). For the last few years it has been known as TUT (Taasisi ya Utangazaji Tanzania - Tanzanian Broadcasting Services).

Radio Tanzania and TVT television are now IDing as TBC. You can hear the new "TBC" ID on shortwave, as the Voice of Tanzania station in Zanzibar, which is widely heard by DXers on 11735, relays the news from Dar es Salaam at 1700 GMT. VoT itself is run by the autonomous Zanzibar government and is otherwise unaffected by these changes.

Reporting the change, the Guardian newspaper of Tanzania on 27 March reported:

"... TBC Managing Director Dunstan Tido Mhando meanwhile said that, alongside assuming its new name, the corporation would work for a transformation of its radio and TV programmes. The move would include the launch of 11 FM radio stations in different parts of the country... 'We also intend to expand our services to as far afield as Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda by 2015,' added the long-serving radio and TV presenter. The TBC chief said that TVT will now be known as TBC1 and RTD as TBC-Taifa, while there would also be TBC International broadcasting in English for 12 hours daily and in French for two hours...."

But don't get too excited about this. "As far afield as Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda" is not much, as all these countries are immediate neighbours of Tanzania (Chris Greenway, England, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Chris. Yes, 29 March when listening the 1700 Swahili news relay on 11735 the ID was "TBC". Always something new to puzzle the random listener :-). (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

** TURKEY [and non]. VOT already made the frequency change from 5960 to 6195 for the English to ENAm broadcast as of Sat March 29 at 2343 check with time-filling multi-lingual ID (have they added the three new ones?), plugs for competitions, IS at 2355 or earlier. Yes, they changed the frequency but not the time. In A-08, 6195 is at 2200-2250, presumably starting March 30. 6195 still on after 0000 March 30, in German, getting weaker into noise level. German is on the VOT World satellite schedule for 0000-0100, but not supposed to be on SW!

As for the new relay via Sackville at 0300 on 7325, not a trace of it March 30 at several chex after 0300 --- could be the low MUF took it out, as CHU 7335 was not audible either, nor WBCQ 7415; and WHRI 7315 SC was poor by this hour. Let's hope for better luck subsequently (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Did not check UT March 31 (gh)

Geophysical Alert Message # Solar-terrestrial indices for 29 March follow. Solar flux 83 and mid-latitude A-index 11. The mid-latitude K-index at 0300 UTC on 30 March was 4 (43 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SWPC via DXLD)

If I recall correct the new Voice of Turkey transmission via Sackville (English 0300-0359 on 7325) had already been pointed out in DXLD, but not that this is a reciprocal exchange of airtime, as pointed out by Lutz Andreas. In return the Emirler site in Turkey will transmit RCI in English, 0100-0159 on 9620, beam 105 deg., aiming at CIRAF zone 41. So the next night should see the remarkable event of the first ever transmission of a foreign broadcaster via a shortwave transmitter in Turkey, unless there were unknown relays in the past (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY [and non]. TURKEY/GERMANY/CROATIA, 11690.06. Bad clash in 25 mb. This morning in A-08 season noted a bad QRM clash of HRT Croatian R relay Wertachtal 11690.00even and TRT «akirlar Turkey in Macedonian, latter 0800-0830 UT but odd 11690.06 and accompanied BUZZ interference tone. Lots of other 25 mb frequencies are free at this time slot. Very bad selection for TRT's Macedonian audience too.

TRT «akirlar in Greek 1030-1100 UT on odd 7295.06 kHz. Later, TRT

Greek at 1430-1500 on v6050.05 kHz (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE [and non]. Whether we want it or not, but the shortwave international broadcasting is gradually reducing.

The BBC World Service has closed shortwave transmissions to Europe on the 18th of February 2008, which affected the transmissions to southern Europe. But here in Ukraine BBC English service is heard well as before on its Near and Middle East transmissions, as well as on its West Russian transmissions. It seems that BBC doesn't consider Western Russia as European territory.

I remind you that BBC mediumwave relay stations are located also in Kharkiv and Kyiv. For example, BBC is heard in Kyiv on 594 kHz with English, Ukrainian and Russian programmes on weekday mornings through evenings. It is interesting to note that the north-western part of shortwave and mediumwave transmitter site in Brovary near Kyiv, where the BBC relaying transmitter is located, is being gradually dismantled because of its nearness to the Brovary residential area. So, the adjacent mediumwave mast here, which was similar to BBC's one, has been recently destroyed, and now the only operating transmitter in this part of the Brovary radio centre is that of the BBC (Olex Yegorov, RUI Whole World on the Radio Dial March 21 via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. BBCWS English A-08, From website March 30, 2008
Daily except where indicated; ss = Sat. and Sun. Time is UT

West and Central Africa

0300	0706	6005
0300	0600	7160
0400	0600	7120
0600	0700	11765
0600	0800	13820
0600	1000	15400
0700	1000	17830
1000	1100 ss	17830, 15400
1100	1130	15400
1100	2100	17830
1500	2300	15400
1600	2000	17795
2000	2100	13820
2100	2200	7120
2100	2300	12095
2200	2300	6005

East Africa

0200	0300	6035
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0300	0400	6145, 9750
0300	0500	12035
0330	0600	11945
0500	0800	15420
0500	0700	17640
0800	1700	17640, 21470
1300	1400	15420
1500	1530	7380, 11860, 15420
1530	1615	Sa 7380, 15420
1615	1700	ss 7380, 11860, 15420
1700	1900	7380
1700	2100	12095
1700	1745	9410, 6005
1830	2100	9410, 6005

Southern Africa

0300	2200	6190
0300	0400	6145, 6005*
0300	0600	3255
0400	0600	7120*
0600	0700	11765*
0600	1600	9860
0800	1700	21470
1600	2200	3255
1700	2100	12095
2100	2200	6005, 7120*

*West Africa programmes

Western Russia

0400	0600	9410, 15565
1700	1900	6195, 12095

East Asia

0000	0200	15335, 15360, 17615
0900	1100	21660
0900	1200	17760
0900	1600	9740
1100	1200	15340
1200	1400	11750
1300	1600	6195
1400	1600	5980
2100	2300	5905
2100	2400	5965
2200	2300	6195
2200	0100	9740
2300	2400	9885, 12010
2330	2400	9580

South East Asia

0000	0200	15335, 9740
0000	0100	6195
0100	0200	11750
0900	1600	9740. 6195
2100	2200	3915
2100	2400	6195
2200	2300	5905
2200	2400	9740
2300	2400	11955, 3915

South Asia

0000	0100	5970, 7105
0000	0200	9410
0000	0300	11955
0100	0200	11750*
0100	1600	15310
0200	0230	1413
0300	1400	17790
1300	1600	6195*
1300	1400	1413
1400	1700	11920
1500	1830	5975
1600	1800	9625
1700	1830	11955

* East Asia programmes

Middle East and Gulf States

0200	0730	1323
0730	0900 ss	1323
0900	2300	1323
0200	0230	1413
0100	0200	7320
0200	0400	6195, 9410
0400	0700	12095
0300	0400	1413
0700	1400	11760
0700	0730	15575
0730	0900 ss	15575
0900	1400	15575
1300	1400	1413
1400	1700	12095
1800	2000	9485
1900	2100	1413

Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia

0100	0200	7320
0200	0230	1413

0300	0400	1413
0200	0400	9410, 6195
0300	0600	15360
0400	0700	12095
0700	0730	15575
0730	0900 ss	15575
0900	1400	15575
1400	1500	11760
1400	1700	11920*
1400	1700	12095
1700	1830	11955*
1800	2000	5995, 9485
1900	2100	1413

* South Asia programmes
(via Bernie O'Shea, ON, March 30, DXLD)

So, quite a radical change for the only reliable 15400 Ascension for West Africa, only frequency listenable in Tiquicia after dropping the Caribbean Service. 12095 could work but 6005 seems too low. Doesn't seem from Ascension. Anyway, I'll check later. 73 (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, March 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. BBCWS via Ascension to Africa, 6145, March 30 at 0315 with report on plastic pollution in the Pacific, good // 7160. These remain useful in NAM for A-08, the first scheduled at 0300-0400 only, the second at 0300-0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. IBB relays via RNW A-08, 03-30-08 to 10-26-08:

Start	End	Site	KHz	Az	kW	Org	Lan	Days	Target
04 00	04 30	MDC	9575	335	250	IBB	Eng	1234567	eAF
04 30	05 00	MDC	7340	270	250	IBB	Por	1234567	c+sAF
05 00	06 00	MDC	15380	359	250	IBB	Kur	1234567	Kurdistan
05 30	06 00	MDC	13710	305	250	IBB	Fre	23456	wAF
13 00	14 00	MDC	15115	359	250	IBB	Som	1234567	ME/neAF
17 00	18 00	MDC	13755	265	250	IBB	Mul	1234567	c+sAF
18 00	18 30	MDC	7125	275	250	IBB	Por	23456	sAF
18 30	19 00	MDC	9815	295	250	IBB	Fre	1234567	wAF
18 30	20 30	BON	17895	90	250	IBB	Fre	1234567	wAF

From <http://www.radionetherlands.nl/features/media/080330-rnw-summer-schedule>

So that shows only ONE relay of VOA via Bonaire among several more which were tentatively planned. Mul = multiple languages --- could this be Studio 7 to Zimbabwe, in Shona/Ndebele/English? Yes! See below (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. VOA, 6080 via S,,o TomE, in English with forum about

Tibet, March 30 at 0320; there was a SAH of about 5 Hz from unknown 6080 station, unlikely Minsk and not much else scheduled. In A-08 this is to be ruined by Prague via Sackville starting at 0330.

Not much making it on 7 MHz, as noted under TURKEY, but March 30 at 0329 heard Y. Doodle on 7340, VOA opening something, just barely audible. This is Kinyarwanda/Kirundi, in A-08 via Sri Lanka, but in B-07 via Botswana, no doubt had to be the latter this one last night for propagational reasons (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also MOROCCO

** U S A [non?]. The VOA Hausa service was heard very well again March 30 on 9605. Open carrier already on at 1454 mixing with weaker signal, something FE? 1502 recheck, program in progress. As reported before, this is listed as S,,o TomÈ site, but I still find that very hard to believe, due to strong, steady S9+22 signal, and nothing else from Africa on 31m at this hour. Instead, suspect Greenville, perhaps a temporary backup. Furthermore, the 9605 SA0 scheduling applied only to B-07 but now it's A-08, when this transmission is supposed to be only on 11890, 11905 and 13750, which are S,,o TomÈ, S,,o TomÈ and Botswana, respectively, not checked (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA A-08:

Afan Oromo

1730-1800 9875 11520 11905 11925 13870 Monday-Friday only

Albanian

0500-0530 9460

1600-1630 9580

1830-1900 9840

Amharic

0300-0330 7220 9730 13605 Monday-Friday only

1800-1900 9550 9875 11520 11905 11925 13870

Arabic (Radio Sawa)

0000-0400 990 1170 1431 1548

0400-1630 990 1170 1548

1630-2400 990 1170 1431 1548

Azerbaijani

1730-1800 7215 7235 13580

Bangla

0130-0200 11500 15205

1600-1700 1575 7430 11835

Burmese

1130-1230 11965 15620 17775
1430-1500 1575 9325 11910 12120
1500-1530 9325 11910 12120
1500-1530 1575 Saturday & Sunday only
1530-1600 1575 9940 11695
1600-1630 9940 11695
2300-2400 6185 7430 11980

Cantonese

1300-1500 1170 7365 9355

Chinese (Mandarin)

0000-0200 9545 11830 11925 15150 15385 17765
0200-0300 9545 11830 11925 15385 17765
0700-0900 13610 13740 15250 17780 17855 21705
0900-1000 11825 11965 13610 13740 15250 15665 17780 17855
1000-1100 9575 11825 11965 12040 13610 15250 15665 17855
1100-1200 1170 6110 9575 11785 11825 11990 12040 15255
1200-1230 6110 9845 11785 11825 11990 12040 15255
1230-1300 6110 9845 11785 11805 11825 12040 15255
1300-1400 6110 9845 11785 11805 11965 11990 12040
1400-1500 6110 9845 11805 11965 11990 12040
2200-2300 7190 7200 9510 9845 11925 13775

Creole

1130-1200 11890 15390 Monday-Friday only
1630-1700 15390 17565
2100-2130 11895 13725 15390

Croatian

0430-0500 5975
1830-1845 6060 7295

Dari (Radio Ashna)

0130-0230 1296 9335 12140
1500-1530 1296 9335 15090 15115
1630-1730 1296 9335 11565 11580
1800-1830 1296 7595 9335 9445
1930-2030 1296 5750 7595

Deewa Radio (Pashto)

1300-1900 7445 9310 9380 9780
[There is a typo. Deewa Radio is listed at 1300-1900 on 7445 when listed under Deewa Radio. It is listed as 7455 when listed under Pashto. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg] 7445 is correct [gh]

English to Europe, Middle East, and North Africa

0100-0130 1593

1400-1500 15530 17740
1500-1600 15130 15530

English to Africa

0300-0330 909 1530 4930 6080 7340 9885 12080 15580
0300-0400 909 1530 4930 6080 9885 12080 15580
0400-0430 909 1530 4930 4960 6080 9575 11835 12080 15580
0430-0500 909 4930 4960 6080 9575 11835 12080 15580
0500-0600 909 4930 6080 6180 12080 15580
0600-0700 909 1530 6080 6180 12080 15580
1400-1500 4930 6080 13570 15580 17530
1500-1600 4930 6080 13570 15580 17895
1600-1700 909 1530 4930 6080 15580
1700-1730 6080 11835 15580
1700-1800 15675 Saturday & Sunday only
1730-1800 6080 15410 15580
1800-1830 6080 15410 15580 17865
1800-1830 909 4930 Saturday & Sunday only
1830-1900 909 4930 6080 9885 15410 15580 17895
1900-2000 909 4930 4940 6080 9885 15410 15580 17895
2000-2030 909 1530 4930 4940 6080 15580 17895
2030-2100 909 1530 4930 6080 15580 17895
2030-2100 11720 Saturday & Sunday only
2100-2200 1530 6080 15580

English to Zimbabwe

1730-1800 909 4930 13755 15775 Monday-Friday only
1720-1740 909 4930 13755 15775 Saturday & Sunday only

English to Afghanistan

0000-0030 1296 7555
2030-2400 1296 7555

English to Far East Asia, South Asia, and Oceania

0100-0200 7430 9780 11705
0200-0300 9780 11705
1100-1130 1575 Monday-Friday only
1130-1200 1575
1200-1300 1170 6140 9360 9645 9760 12075
1300-1400 9645 9760
1400-1500 7125 9760 15185
1500-1600 7125 7480 12150 13735
2200-2300 6105 7120 7460 9415 11725 15185
2230-2400 1575 Friday & Saturday only
2300-2400 6105 7120 9415 11725 15185

English-Special

0000-0030 1575 1593

0030-0100 1575 1593 9715 9780 11725 15185 15205 15290 15560 17820
0130-0200 1593 6040 9820 Tuesday-Saturday only
1330-1400 9465 11725 15130 15565
1500-1600 6160 9590 9695 9760 15550
1600-1700 12080 13600 17895
1600-1700 13600 13615 15445
1600-1700 1170 Monday-Friday only
1730-1800 5980 6110 9520 11805
1830-1900 6110 9520 11755 11805
1900-2000 7480 9670
2230-2300 9570 11705 15145
2300-2330 1593 9570 13755 15145
2330-2400 1593 7350 9570 13755 15145 15340

French to Africa

0530-0600 1530 4960 6035 6095 9885 13710 Monday-Friday only
0600-0630 4960 6035 6095 9885 13710 Monday-Friday only
1830-2000 1530 7150 9815 9830 12080 15730
2000-2030 7150 9815 9830 12080 15730
2030-2100 4940 9815 9830 12080 15730 Saturday & Sunday only
2100-2130 9815 9830 12035 12080 Monday-Friday only

Georgian

1530-1600 11945 15475

Hausa

0500-0530 1530 4960 6045 9600
0700-0730 4960 11785 17500
1500-1530 11890 11905 13750
2030-2100 4940 7150 9815 11720 15185 Monday-Friday only

Hindi

1600-1700 7260 9320

Indonesian

0000-0030 9535 11805 13705
1130-1230 9700 9890 12010
1400-1500 13620 15105
2200-2400 7225 9535 11805

Khmer

1330-1430 1575 5955 7155
2200-2230 1575 6060 7130 15340

Kinyarwanda/ Kirundi

0330-0430 6095 7340 11905
1600-1630 11905 15730 11865 Saturday only

Korean

1200-1300 1350 5890 7225 11625
1300-1400 1350 5890 7225 11740
1400-1500 648 5890 7225 11740
1900-2100 648 6060 7125 9510

Kurdish

0500-0600 7230 9770 15380
1400-1500 1593 13680 15130 15180
1700-1800 9855 11760 15130
1900-2000 7520 9695 11745
2000-2100 1593

Laotian

1230-1300 1575 9510 11930

Mandarin (Chinese)

0000-0200 9545 11830 11925 15150 15385 17765
0200-0300 9545 11830 11925 15385 17765
0700-0900 13610 13740 15250 17780 17855 21705
0900-1000 11825 11965 13610 13740 15250 15665 17780 17855
1000-1100 9575 11825 11965 12040 13610 15250 15665 17855
1100-1200 1170 6110 9575 11785 11825 11990 12040 15255
1200-1230 6110 9845 11785 11825 11990 12040 15255
1230-1300 6110 9845 11785 11805 11825 12040 15255
1300-1400 6110 9845 11785 11805 11965 11990 12040
1400-1500 6110 9845 11805 11965 11990 12040
2200-2300 7190 7200 9510 9845 11925 13775

Ndebele

1800-1830 909 4930 13775 15775 Monday-Friday only
1740-1800 909 4930 13775 15775 Saturday & Sunday only

Pashto (Radio Ashna)

0030-0130 1296 7555 9335
1430-1500 1296 9335 15090 15115
1530-1630 1296 9335 15090 15115
1730-1800 1296 9335 11565 11580
1830-1930 1296 7555 7595

Pashto (Deewa Radio)

1300-1900 7455 9310 9380 9780
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Persian

0230-0330 9695 11870 17855

1530-1600 1593 6040 11665 11780
1600-1700 1593 6040 11520 11780
1700-1730 1593 6040 9760 11520
1730-1800 1593 6040 7455 9760
1800-1830 648 1593 5860 6040 7455
1830-1900 648 5860 6040 7455
1900-1930 5860 6040 7455
1930-2030 5860 7455 9310

Persian (Radio Farda)

0000-0030 1575
0030-0200 1575 5860 7280 7350
0200-0330 1575 5860 7280 9510
0330-0400 1575 5860 7280 17575
0400-0500 1575 5860 9460 17575
0500-0530 1575 5860 15255 17575
0530-0600 1575 15255 15690 17575
0600-1000 1575 15690 17845 21715
1000-1200 1575 7125 15690 21715
1200-1400 1575 7125 15690 17755
1400-1500 1575 11520 17670 17755
1500-1600 1575 11520 15410 17755
1600-1700 1575 9770 11945 15410
1700-1800 1575 5860 7580 9770
1800-1900 1575 7105 7580 9960
1900-1930 1575 7105 7580 9505
1930-2130 1575 5830 7580 9505
2130-2400 1575

Portuguese to Africa

0430-0500 1530 6095 7340
1000-1030 17740 21590 Saturday & Sunday only
1700-1730 1530 9565 12080
1730-1800 1530 9565 9815 12080 15730
1800-1830 1530 7125 7150 9815 Monday-Friday only

Russian

1300-1330 9465 11725 15130 15565
1700-1730 5980 6110 9520 11805
1800-1830 6110 9520 11755 11805

Serbian

0530-0545 9460
1930-2000 7105
2100-2130 7255 Monday-Friday only

Shona

1700-1730 909 4930 13755 15775 Monday-Friday only

1700-1720 909 4930 13755 15775 Saturday & Sunday only

Somali

1300-1400 12110 15115

1600-1630 1431 12110 15430

1630-1800 12110 15430

Spanish

0030-0130 5890 6110 9885

0130-0200 5890 5940 9885 Sunday & Monday only

1100-1230 7305 9535 13790

1400-1415 9535 17565 Monday-Friday only

2300-2315 5890 9885 Monday-Friday only

Swahili

0300-0330 7380 9440 Monday-Friday only

0930-1000 15710 17720 17885 21825 Monday-Friday only

1630-1700 9815 15365 15730

1700-1730 9565 13865 15730

Tibetan

0000-0100 7255 9855 11690

0300-0600 15265 15490 17735

1400-1500 7465 11510 11975

1600-1700 7405 7565 11870

Tigrigna

1900-1930 9875 11520 11905 11925 13870 Monday-Friday only

Turkish

0330-0400 7105 Monday-Friday only

1045-1100 15240 17565 Monday-Friday only

1830-1900 11865 12025 Monday-Friday only

Ukrainian

2000-2015 7230 9715

2015-2030 7230 9715 Monday-Friday only

Urdu (Radio Aap ki Duniya)

0000-0100 972 1539

0100-0200 972 1539 7145 11805

1400-1500 972 1539 9580 15255

1500-2400 972 1539

Uzbek

1500-1530 801 7280 9670 11780 15265

Vietnamese

1300-1330 1575 5955 9720
 1500-1600 1170 5955 7455 9355
 2230-2330 6060 15340

(<http://www.bclnews.it> via shortwave yg March 30, via DXLD)

** U S A. IBB Greenville A-08, languages researched by gh; RM=Martí

5890 0000 0030 11,12	250 190	4	Spanish
5890 0030 0130 11,12	250 190	1234567	Spanish
5890 0130 0200 11,12	250 190	12	Spanish
5890 2300 2315 11,12	250 190	23456	Spanish
5980 0700 0900 11	250 190	1 34567	RM
5980 0900 1200 11	250 190	1234567	RM
6030 0000 0300 11	250 205	1234567	RM
6030 0300 0900 11	250 205	1 34567	RM
6030 0900 1200 11	250 205	1234567	RM
6030 2200 2400 11	250 205	1234567	RM
6040 0130 0200 11-13	250 174	34567	Special English
6110 0000 0030 11,12	250 235	4	Spanish
6110 0030 0130 11,12	250 235	1234567	Spanish
6110 0130 0200 11,12	250 235	12	Spanish
6180 0500 0700 46	125 94	1234567	French
7305 1100 1230 11-13	250 172	1234567	Spanish
7365 0000 0300 11	250 184	1234567	RM
7365 0300 0400 11	250 184	1 34567	RM
7365 2300 2400 11	250 184	1234567	RM
7405 0300 0400 11	250 183	1 34567	RM
7405 0400 0700 11	250 184	1 34567	RM
7405 1200 1230 11	250 225	1234567	RM
7405 1230 1400 11	250 184	1234567	RM
9535 1100 1230 10,11,12	250 146	1234567	Spanish
9535 1400 1415 11,12	500 164	23456	Spanish
9565 1700 2400 11	250 164	1234567	Spanish CONFLICT:
9565 1730 1800 46-48,52,53	125 91	1234567	Portuguese
9575 0430 0500 46-48,52	250 91	1234567	Portuguese
9805 1000 1300 11	500 183	1234567	RM
9815 1800 1830 46-48,52,53	125 91	23456	Portuguese
9815 2030 2100 46-48,52,53	125 91	1 7	French
9820 0130 0200 11-13	250 164	34567	Special English
9885 0000 0030 11,12	250 183	4	Spanish
9885 0030 0130 11,12	250 183	1234567	Spanish
9885 0130 0200 11,12	250 183	12	Spanish
9885 2300 2315 11,12	250 183	23456	Spanish
11720 2030 2100 46,47,52,57	250 91	23456	Hausa
11775 0000 0300 11	250 184	1234567	RM
11845 1300 1700 11	125 184	1234567	RM
11890 1130 1200 11	125 164	23456	Creole

11895	2100	2130	11	125	174	1234567	Creole
11930	1400	2300	11	500	183	1234567	RM
12080	2030	2100	46-48,52,53	250	94	1 7	French
13725	2100	2130	11	250	168	1234567	Creole
13790	1100	1230	11,12	250	176	1234567	Spanish
13820	1200	2200	11	500	205	1234567	RM
15185	2030	2100	47,48,52,53	250	94	23456	Hausa
15390	1130	1200	11	250	174	23456	Creole
15390	1630	1700	11	250	174	1234567	Creole
15390	2100	2130	11	250	174	1234567	Creole
15410	1730	2000	46-48,52,53,57	250	94	1234567	ENGLISH *****
15675	1700	1800	46-48,52,53,57	250	94	1 7	ENGLISH
17530	1400	1430	46-48,52,53,57	250	94	1234567	ENGLISH
17565	1400	1415	11,12	125	160	23456	Spanish
17565	1630	1700	11	250	174	1234567	Creole

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Radio Liberty/Free Europe A-08 SW Schedule
 Daily except where indicated Time is UT
 From website March 30, 2008

Afghan (Pashto and Dari)

0230-0430 9335 17685
 0230-0730 12140
 0430-0730 17530 19010
 0730-0930 15615
 0730-0830 17670
 0730-1230 17685
 0830-1430 15090
 0930-1230 15680
 1230-1430 11550
 1230-1330 15615

Belarusian

0400-0600 6140 7190
 1500-1700 7180 9725
 1700-1900 6050
 1700-2100 7115
 1900-2100 9750

Kazakh

0000-0100 5945 7145
 0200-0400 7145 9680
 1200-1300 11520 15120
 1400-1600 7170 9815

North Caucasus

(Avar, Chechen, Circassian)

0400-0500 5920 15460
1500-1600 11810 15565

Persian (Farsi)-Radio Farda

0030-0530 5860
0030-0400 7280
0030-0200 7350
0200-0330 9510
0330-0600 17575
0400-0500 9460
0500-0600 15255
0530-1400 15690
0600-1000 17845
0600-1200 21715
1000-1400 7125
1200-1600 17755
1400-1600 11520
1400-1500 17670
1500-1700 15410
1600-1800 9770
1600-1700 11945
1700-1800 5860
1700-2130 7580
1800-1930 7105
1800-1900 9960
1900-2130 9505
1930-2130 5830

Romanian (Moldova)

0400-0430 5955 MoTuWeThFr
1500-1530 9495
1600-1630 9850 MoTuWeThFr
1800-1830 9840 MoTuWeThFr

Russian

0300-0500 6105 7175
0300-0400 7155 15470
0400-0700 9520 9760
0500-0800 12005
0500-0700 17560
0700-1300 11700 17730
0700-1000 15535
1000-1300 15130
1000-1200 21530
1200-1300 15565
1400-1700 9530
1400-1600 11725
1400-1500 11735 11880 15565

1500-1600 11625 15255
1600-1700 7270 9445 9520
1900-2000 7220 9585
1900-2100 9465
2000-2100 7285

Tajik

0100-0400 9760
0100-0200 13760
0200-0400 15525
1400-1700 9790
1400-1500 11895
1500-1600 11975
1600-1700 9565

Tatar-Bashkir

0300-0400 7185 9635
0500-0600 9635
1500-1600 9715 11760
1900-2000 9805

Turkmen

0200-0400 9555 15460
1400-1600 15170 15460
1600-1800 11895
1600-1700 13815
1700-1800 11825

Uzbek

0200-0300 9460
0200-0400 9855 15145
0300-0400 17770
1400-1500 11715 13645 15265
1600-1700 7555 9390 12150

(via Bernie O'Shea, ON, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC RADIO SHORTWAVE FREQUENCY GUIDE

Effective March 30 2008 - October 26 2008

Horario vigente el 30 marzo 2008 al 26 octubre 2008

Column 1: S.E. Asia/Middle East/Africa/India (English)

Column 2: Cuba/South America (Spanish) all 155 degrees

Column 3: Mexico/Central America (Spanish) all 220 degrees

[with azimuths from FCC info. I don't recall their designating targets
areas such as Mideast, SE Asia or India before --- but of course,
these beams have to cross USA, Canada, Europe on the way --- gh]

	EDT	ENGLISH	deg	SPANISH 155	SPANISH 220	UT
8 PM	11520	M.E.	40	11870	5810	0000
9 PM	11520	M.E.		11870	5810	0100
10 PM	11520	M.E.		11870	5810	0200
11 PM	11520	M.E.		11870	5810	0300
12 AM	11520	M.E.		11870	5810	0400
1 AM	11520	M.E.		11870	5810	0500
2 AM	7570	EU	40	11870	5810	0600
3 AM	7570	EU		11870	5810	0700
4 AM	9355	SEA	335	9920	7455	0800
5 AM	9355	SEA		9920	7455	0900
6 AM	9355	SEA		9920	7455	1000
7 AM	11560	SEA	335	9920	7455	1100
8 AM	11560	SEA		17510	7425	1200
9 AM	11560	SEA		17510	7425	1300
10 AM	15855	IND	20	17510	11550	1400
11 AM	15855	IND		17510	11550	1500
12 PM	15855	IND		17510	11550	1600
1 PM	15855	IND		17510	11550	1700
2 PM	15855	IND		17510	11550	1800
3 PM	17595	AFR	85	17510	11550	1900
4 PM	17595	AFR		17510	11550	2000
5 PM	17595	AFR		17510	11550	2100
6 PM	15665	AFR	85	17510	11550	2200
7 PM	15665	AFR		17510	11550	2300

(from <http://www.ewtn.com/radio/freq.htm> with analysis by Glenn Hauser for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WYFR on new 6985, 0221 March 30 preacher in English reading from Song of Solomon, hot stuff about love apples, sucking breasts. Initially quite strong but later in evening fading down a lot. Not to be confused with other Abrahamists, Israel Radio, formerly on this frequency at other times (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KTBN, 7505, still going March 30 at 0224 with ancient Billy Graham sermon in black & white. The guy sure was certain of himself, a great asset in persuasion, even if it's totally unwarranted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WRMI is now supposed to be on 9955, 24 hours, ex-7385 at certain hours, but presumably switching between NAm and SAm antennas as before depending on language and programming. If you hear a US station on 7385 now, it's WHRI. However, 9955 had nothing but jamming at 1455 check March 30. The 1400-1600 block is mostly in English and mostly non-exile; scheduled at 1445-1500 Sundays is Harvest Time, hardly worth jamming, but hey, why not do it anyway! In fact, the only exile program in the 14-16 block is the CDHD Brigade 2506 ñ in English, Sundays at 1500-1515. I couldn't bear to check at 1515

whether WORLD OF RADIO was also jammed, but even free of jamming, WRMI 9955 is a marginal signal. Needs further checking in the 14-16 period, tho, when presumably on NAM antenna, and couldn't be worse at midday than 7385 was, absorbed rather than propagating (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 15710 mess. Three broadcasters selected that channel around 1300-1400 UT slot: Tentatively WHRA at 1200-1400, EGYPT Abis at 1230-1400, and Yerevan Gavar at 1300-1400 UT too, latter seemingly Chosun program in Korean (Wolfgang B. schel, Germany, March 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re gh's note of dead air on 1500: Weird propagation or poor management? Glenn, Again, I am (or was) listening to my favorite talk station this early Saturday morning. KSTP 1500 AM; had just finished with Coast to Coast AM, Art Bell live, when at a few minutes after 5 am [1000 UT], the station slowly faded into no where. All I have been hearing the last half hour or so, is a mix of stations. And I just connected my new Crane Twin Coil antenna. I'm beginning to think no one of responsibility is at the station on the weekends (Steve Jeske, N0CRS, Maple Lake MN, March 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. RNZI has registered the following in A-08 on behalf of VBT, Port Vila: 0700-2000 on 3945 and/or [NEW] 5055; 0700-2000 on 7260, all 10 kW analog non-direxional (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISITENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [and non]. R. Vaticana A-08 Schedule English

0250-0319	NAM	6040sa	7305					
0300-0327	AF	7360	9660					
0500-0527	AF	9660	11625	13765				
0500-0529	EU	1530	5965	7250				
0630-0644	EU	(mo-sa)	1530	5965	7250	9645	11740	15595
0630-0700	AF	11625	13765	15570				
1228-1550	AS	11850ru*						
1615-1629	EU	1530	5885	7250	9645	15595		
1730-1757	AF	11625	13765	15570				
1945-2030	NAM	9800sa/DRM						
1950-2019	EU	1530	5885	7250	9645			
2000-2027	AF	7365	9755	11625				

Mass in English

1130-1200	EU (fr)	15595	17765
1530-1558	EU (sa)	13765	15235

Concert

1430-1459	EU	5885	7250	9645
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Sites: sa = Sackville; ru* = via Russia, English/Hindi broadcast (Via Sakthi Vel, dxldyg, converted from CET times to UTC and re-arranged by

Alan Roe, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The 3-minute English broadcast at 2311-2314 on 9600 is missing; needs to be reconfirmed for A-08 (gh, DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. VR, 6040 via Canada, March 30 at 0229 IS; English feature after 0250 was interview with Terry Ascott, founder and CEO of Sat-7, TV networks for Christians stuck in Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia where there is no place to worship; or in Iraq where they need to lock themselves in their houses for safety, especially at night. From one original network in Arabic, there are now three, the second featuring Turkish/Persian, other languages, and the third for children covering 5 timezones. This lasted until 0308; see <http://www.sat7.org> Thruout on 6040, VR had some co-channel underneath, LA? Slightly off-frequency making a fast SAH. See also SWAZILAND (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Checking for ``Alô, Presidente``, Sunday March 30: not sure when it really starts now, but 13750 was on at 1450, VG with music // 11670 (which earlier had RHC programming: see CUBA). 11670 also had a SAH and some weaker co-channel, which at 1459 turned out to be WYFR in Spanish, scheduled 14-16 at 222 degrees. May I suggest that it is never a good idea for Florida and Cuba stations to be on the same frequency? Yet it's not the only case, e.g. 6000 and 17750 at least in past season. At 1450 A,P also on 11875, but did not find any other A,P channels on 13, 15 or 17 MHz, talking about the Cinco Héroes, which has nothing to do with Venezuela, so probably RHC-produced runup to A,P. Checked again at 1500 on 11875, the A,P frequencies were announced as 13680, 13750, 11670, 11875, 17750. Finally at 1503, 13680 joined in but much weaker than 13750 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. VOV, 6175 via Canada, March 30 at 0325 mailbag in Spanish with heavy Viet accent which must be heard to be believed. This relay including English at other hours never has a very good signal here, partly due to Cuba on 6180 --- Commies vs Commies! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. See TANZANIA

** ZIMBABWE [and non]. Am not often monitoring 90m at this hour, so maybe not unusual, and strangely enough my hi local noise level is currently not so bad on 90 as it is on shorter wavelengths. March 30 at 0240 scan of the band, undermodulated music on 3396, so what could it be but ZBC? 3320 South Africa was quite a bit better (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 528 kHz, UNIDENTIFIED (FLORIDA, FLORIDA AIRSPACE, or

CUBA); 2144-2155 28 March, 2008. Checking on a local Friday for possible airborne Radio Martí (not heard in ages). Carrier on/off -- about 10 seconds on, one-to-two seconds off -- continuously until about 2155. Radio Enciclopedia [Cuba] on 530 kHz nearly local level atop this. No trace of Martí from 2200 or 2300 recheck, and the het and tones never reappeared. Again 1315-1325 28 (mid-morning) March, 2008. This time the carrier was not on/off in this short listen, with Enciclopedia way atop. Loops SSE/NNW, of course. Gerry Bishop also gets my carrier on 528. He took the the 2010 outside for it (QRN and QRM Eglin AFB 530 TIS). Very weak there, but present, and not surprisingly, bearing is SSE/NNW for him (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Could this be a NDB, perhaps malfunctioning, if not LYQ, 529? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1610, FLORIDA (possible PIRATE); unidentified, Hillsborough County; 1550-1615 30 March, 2008. While driving to Brandon on the Crosstown Expressway, I noted this when first hitting the frequency just past Ybor City. Weak with nonstop Spanish modern Christian vocals, peaking around Causeway Blvd., if you want to call it peaking. Signal still present just SE Brandon, but much weaker. No ID or any voice announcements, including through top-of-hour. Initially I presumed it to be crossmod/mixing products from one of the Tampa Bay Hispanic stations, but not parallel any of these, including 820 kHz in Largo (Pinellas County). Upon the drive home, around 2330, maybe a weak trace in the same area it peaked, but quickly overtaken (if then) by the Tampa International Airport TIS. My guess is it's not in Ybor or urban Tampa (bad frequency with the loud TIS), and based on the peak, I bet it's something due east of Brandon-proper, closer on even across the Polk County line. Anyone else?

By the way, the I-75 at SR-60 1610 TIS(s) that were briefly active a few months ago for repair work are no longer active now that the work is completed (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Early Sunday Morning, March 30 UNID station on 1710 kHz playing lots of Mexican ballads in Spanish. No announcers or IDs. Nice bottom end on audio. Strong signals, way over the Brooklyn pirate in Hebrew and English. Heard even over power line buzz. I was listening on a car radio traveling from Northern Westchester to Fairfield County, Connecticut. Time: 0915 - 1000 UT, 5:15am to 6 am local time. Is this the pirate from Boston? 1070 CBA also quite strong during this ride. Thanks, (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, IRCA via DXLD)

Karl, As of last Summer, the 1710 Pirate in Boston (Dorchester Neighborhood) was French Caribbean. The following listing is from Bruce Conti's website: 1710 R.Top Inter, Hyde Park-Dorchester - 24 hr. French Caribbean, relayed on 98.9 FM. Perhaps the one you heard is from NY or southwestern CT? (Marc DeLorenzo South Dennis, MA, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Still hearing the harmonic on 3200.13, but not well enough to pull out a decent ID. (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida NRD545 - Antenna is a 250 foot longwire with a bearing of due South, but not off the ground more than 10 feet, March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5985, under weak WYFR Spanish, March 30 at 0305 could hear two tones, hi and low, alternating every 6 seconds, and a SAH. The only thing I can find listed here, in B-07, not A-08 is BBC Persian via Rampisham (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 103.1 MHZ, FLORIDA (PIRATE); I have an unconfirmed report of a Haitian pirate in the Tampa (Hillsborough County) or Bradenton (Manatee County) area. Nothing heard on occasional checks from east-central Pinellas County, or on 30 March around noon local and again around 7:30 p.m. local between downtown Tampa and Brandon (that's Brandon -- not to be confused with Bradenton). But if in fact active, and from Bradenton, none of these monitoring locations would likely be close enough for me to hear it (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-R75, RadioShack DX-399, Hammarlund HQ-180A, GE Superadio III, dipole, interior longwire, Scotka MW ferrite loop, RadioShack non-active MW loop, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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73 (Kim Elliott, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: See CANADA; NEW ZEALAND; VATICAN

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## PROPAGATION

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### OLD SOLAR CYCLE RETURNS

Sunspot counts vs. year: 2008 is a low point in the solar cycle.  
Smoothed curves are predictions of future activity. [caption]

Solar Cycle 23, how can we miss you if you won't go away? Barely three months after forecasters announced the beginning of new Solar Cycle 24, old Solar Cycle 23 has returned. Actually, it never left. Read on.  
<http://www.physorg.com/news125930707.html>  
(via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

### ARNIE COROYS DXERS UNLIMITEDYS HF PLUS LOW BAND VHF PROPAGATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

Solar activity is now moving slowly down again, after the three sunspot groups provided a most welcome enhancement to HF propagation. But this period of higher solar activity that even included an M class flare that was the first one of such intensity in a long time, is now coming to an end. So we will see now, once again very low solar activity as we pass through the equinox; so, don't expect much better DX conditions, because the ionosphere will be slowly moving back to a totally flat state. We may see openings on 12 and 10 meters, but 20 meters will be the band of choice for ham radio Dxers. Now the local noise levels will be slowly increasing as the summer thunderstorm season approaches (Arnie Coro, C02KK, RHC DXers Unlimited March 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###